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VOLUME FOR 1698—1700.

1699.

202. 22 May, 1699. Order that Thomas Hemings, who has lately endeavoured to settle himself in the parish of Amwell, but has given no notice in writing to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish, and who has not rent to the value of £10 yearly, and is likely to become chargeable to the said parish, be removed by the said officers to Ware, which, as it appears by his own oath, was his last legal place of settlement.

213. 6 September, 1699. Warrant of John Plummer, a justice, to the keeper of the house of correction, for the custody of Mary Thomas, spinster, who was taken the previous night, during a general privy search, in an unlicensed ale-house of ill repute, where she was in bed in a room in which was a man in bed also. She is known as a loose and disorderly wanderer, refusing to put herself to service though often ordered to do so. Pending legal process she is to be punished by whipping and hard labour. Endorsed. "Ordered to be discharged, none coming to prosecute."

214. 26 September, 1699. Similar warrant in respect of William Williams, labourer, charged by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Standon, with returning

with his wife and two children, of their own accord, from the parish of "St. Michael Riall Pater Noster," in the City of London to the parish aforesaid.

223. Recognizances of William Hall, Joseph Watts, Richard Smith, and John Sumpner, all of Ware, yeoman, for their appearance to answer for selling corn without licence.

259. 17 April, 1699. Presentment of John House, of Barkhamstead St. Peters, scavenger, for not cleaning and carrying away the dirt, dung, and other annoyances in the streets there.

260. Presentment (1) of Thomas Gunn, of the parish of Hunsdon, for refusing to pay the constables rate in the year 1698, when he was an inhabitant of that parish, having since removed to the parish of Eastwicke; and (2) of Mrs. Jane Petchy, of the parish of Sabridgworth, for continuing a cottage in Gilston without laying four acres of freehold land to it according to the statute.

261. Presentment of (1) Thomas Halfehead, at the "Rose and Crown," in Eastwicke, for "denying" to lodge passengers that were sent to him by the constables according to law; and (2) of John Parnell, of Bengeo, for refusing to maintain his fence between the premises of Mary Woollner, widow, and his yard at Rickneys, and for not scouring his pond, which is very offensive. See also Nos. 286 and 290.

265. Presentments of Joseph Glover, of Hitchin, for baking and selling bread without being an apprentice to the trade for seven years; and also of David Priest, of Standon, for buying and selling corn and grain without license.

267. Presentment of Thomas Chambelin, otherwise Wakefield, of Hitchin, for assaulting Robert Adstone, of the same, tanner, in his house, and locking up his doors and not permitting any person to come to his assistance; and also for keeping a disorderly alehouse.

269. Indictment of William Waller, Henry Waller, Thomas Whitaker, and Edward Fairesheall, all of Ware, labourers, for keeping dogs for the purpose of chasing game; and further

indictment of the said William Waller, Thomas Whitaker, and Edward Faireshall, for killing three rabbits, value ten pence, in the close of John Pratt, called Copts Plaine, in the parish of Ware, they not being qualified to do so.

271. Indictment of George Tayler, of Little Munden, labourer, for dividing his tenement into two separate tenements and permitting Edward Tysler, and his family to live there.

287. Indictment of John Hill and William Sutton, both of London Colney, labourers, for breaking into the close of Sir Jeremy Snow, bart., at Shenley, and taking away fish, namely, carp, pike, roach, and tench, from the river there.

311. Indictment of Nicholas Sleighter, Peter Crane, Anthony Dighton, Nicholas Rogers, George Cordell, John Edmonds, and William Salme, all labourers, and John Spicer, weaver, all of Cheshunt, for forcibly and riotously assembling and entering the close called Chesthunt Common, otherwise Chesthunt Woodside, the property of Sir Henry Monson, bart., and assaulting and threatening Moses Paulhood and Joseph Tarbox, labourers, Robert Lloyd, gent., and Richard Baker, mason, all of Chesthunt, and obstructing them and other servants of the said Sir Henry from felling trees there.

317. Indictment of David Price, of Standon, labourer, for exercising the "office or doings of a badger, lader, kidder, carryer, and buyer" of corn, grain, butter or cheese, without a licence.

322. April, 1699. Upon the complaint of John Roe, of Standon, gent., that the surveyors of the highways have caused great damage by digging, breaking, and carting through his field called Lukners, in the said parish, and have taken gravel therefrom without making any reasonable satisfaction, it is ordered that certain justices do report theron. Endorsed. Upon the report of Ralph Freeman and Robert Elwayes, justices, he is to be allowed 12s. 6d. for the gravel taken, and 27s. 6d. for damage by carts to his corn and grass.

324. Similar complaint and order in respect of chalk and gravel taken from Lord Aston's ground, in Standon, called Wheatley Field, Staple Common Field, and Dell Close.

336-437. September-October, 1699. Lists of all the copyholders and freeholders having an estate worth £10 per annum.*

HEMEL HEMPSTED (No. 336).

John Rasleigh, esquire; Mr. Francis King, gent.; Mr. John Crawley, gent.; Nathaniell Nash, Richard Turner, Walter Oxton, Jeremiah Broughton, Seth Partridge, Samuell Hawes, Timothy Daveny, Thomas Crawley, senr.; Mr. William Marston, gent.; Francis Pitchford, Robert Halsey, James Halsey, Richard Salter, Jeremiah Peacocke, Nathaniell Camfield, William Long, Daniell Shipton, Luke Lewis, William Wright, John Turner, Waterside; Moses West, John Field, maltman; Shem Shiphard, Nicholas Sage, James Oliver, Daniell How, Michaell How, Jeremiah Knight, Joseph Beldon, junr.; Ralph Field, William Young, Francis Chapman, Thomas Knowlton, Francis How, John Wheeler, Daniell Fossey, John Bradwin, Daniell Field, smith; Thomas Burch, ... Steedman (?) *one name illegible.*

BOVINGDON (No. 337).

Thomas Lomax, esquire, John Bunn, Francis King, Zachary King, Josiah Bunn, Jonathan King, John Putnam, John Gladman, William Smith, and Edward Neale, yeomen, all of Bovingdon; Henry Baldwyn, gent., of Watford; Henry Fletcher, woollen-draper, of Gt. Marlow, co. Bucks.; John Lea, gent., of Beaconfield, co. Bucks.; Nathaniel Gould, merchant, of Newington, co. Midd.; George Neal, trunkmaker, living on London Bridge.

KIMPTON (No. 338).

Gillberd Hokaye (?) esq.; John Bigg, William Nash, George Bigg, William How, Mr. Bussy, Benjamin Laurens, and Thomas Ony (?), gentlemen.

DATCHWORTH (No. 339).

Sir William Lytton, of Knebworth; Mr. William Walliss, of Wormley; Henry Widdrington, Esq., of Hertford; Mr. Tho. Mitchell, of Codycote; Mr. Rich. Mitchell, of Codycote; Mr. Edm. Meadcalfe, of Chesson; Mr. Joseph Cramphorn, of Sabridgworth;

* The original spelling of names of persons and places has been retained.

Mr. Thos. Adames, of Walkon; Edw. Penifather, of Wellin; Wm. Penifather, of Wellin; Geo. Archer, of St. Albans; John Whittenbury, of Brandfield; Mr. Robt. Kidall, attorney, of Datchworth; Joseph Turner, of Datchworth; Tho. Goose, of Datchworth; Dan. Nash, of Datchworth; James Faulknor, of Datchworth.

Icckleford (No. 340).

Charles Cadwell, Thomas Harvey, Richard Perce, and Joseph Ansell [*the reading of all names doubtful*].

Aldbury (No. 341).

John Duncumb, esquire; Daniell Hudsun, William Lademan, and Samuell Paterig.

Tring (No. 342).

John Dagnall, William Lake, Henery Gery, John Rofe, [Rose?] Robard Harden, Edward Harden, John Foster, Edward Brown, William Elet, James Litelton, James Pegsworth, John Trecher, Thomas Grace, Thomas Grace, junior, John Gregare, William Putnam, Tho. Tapping, William Foster, Daniell Foster, Thomas Woodruff, and John Stratfold.

Offley (No. 343).

Sir John Spenser, Tho. Docawra, "squire"; Skiner Bydd (?), "squire"; Richard Hellder, Henry Dalldon, Richd. Shepard, Tho. Dormar, Tho. Plumbe, Edw. Swain, Sleap (?) Dormar, Tho. Field, Rich. Everett, Isaac Wells, Nath. Scambler, John Pilgrim, and Phill. Addums.

Ashwell (No. 344).

Joshua Collin, tenant to Rich. Hutchinson, Esq.; Rich. Deer, Wm. Plomer, Mr. Griffin, John Tottman, Mr. Jonathan Waller, Tho. Chapman, John Sell, John Everard, John Lilly, Wm. Marshall, tenant to Francis Canfield; Edward Waller, Wm. Chapman, John Morly, Mrs. (*sic*) Baldwyn, James Haylock, for Esquire Lant.; John Godffrey, Wm. Sell, tenant to Robt. Shipsea; George Plomer, Edward Rose, tenant to Mr. Barly; Tho. Lilly, tenant to Mr. Samuell Gatward.

RADWELL (No. 345).

"Mr. Bell, owner of the whoale parish."

YARDLEY (No. 346).

John Exton, John Crane, Henry Sybley, George Sell, Robert Frost, and William Bardolfe, all of Yardley, yeomen; Thomas Waters, of Wesson, gent.; John Spence, of East Malin, Sussex, esq.; William Sidinham, St. James', Westminster, doctor of "phisick"; Alexander Chorly, of Rannell, Lancs., gent.; John Briggs, of Dunstable, Beds., gent.; James Loader, parish of St. Mary, Magdalen, Southwark, tanner; William Joyce, of Laystone, plumber; and Mathew Amyas, of Norwich, doctor of "phissick."

ALBURY (No. 347).

Thomas Greene, Thomas Gardiner, Henery Hoy, John Ossborn, Thomas Worman, and William Robson.

FURNEX PELHAM (No. 348).

William Calvard, Esq.; Tho. Reanell, John Wright, Daniell Warfoott, and John Northage.

BUCKLAND (No. 349).

Ralph Areman, senr., esq., of Aspeden Hall; Samuell Mellesh, esq., in Doncaster, Yorks; Mr. Nickles Godfry, of Throcken; Mr. Gorgge Reckson, of Tharfel; William Bell, of Cheppen: Mr. Bregges Allen, of Much Hadam; and Mr. Thomas Rumbell, senr., of Roston.

SAWBRIDGWORTH (No. 350).

Sir Robt. Jocelyn, bart.; Hen. Gore, esq., at Gilstone; Jno. Coke, esq., Edmon. Godwin, esq., at Estwick; Joseph Cramphorn, gent.; John Millor, gent.; John Duke, gent.; Will. Burton, Nicolas Brown, Edward Dowserd, Charles Scooling, Danle Holand, George Mead, Tho. Perry, John Perry, James Page, Tho. Dyer, Will. Dyer, Rob. Coal, John Reddington, John Thurgood, John Adams, Ben. Camp, Tho. Dugard, James Kirby, John Miles, Rob. Marshall, John Kemp, John Waller, Will Sumpner, jun., Will. Bayford, in Bishop Stortford; Will. Ely, in Bishop Stortford; John Whit, in Much Holingberrys; John Cowell, in Much Holingberrys; Rob.

Townsend, at Cogshall; John Terbin, gent., in London; Ed. Buzey, in Cowlane, in Smithfield, London; Antony Sherlock, in London; Tho. Oade, at Bristol; Fuller Whit, at Hunsdon; Isarell Kenton, in Hertford; John Barrons, at Ricklin, Essex; John Rogers, Shavet (?) Essex; George Hochenhall, at Latonstone; Rich. How, esq., at Broxbern; Tho. Lauranc, in Branfid (*sic*).

BISHOP STORTFORD (No. 351).

Mr. John Gill, an attorney; Mr. Gorge Hoolgate, Humphry Dixon, Ralph Manister, Mr. Wm. Cason, Mr. Robert Lay, Richard Feast, Wm. Barnes, Edward Juby, Zachary Blowes, Wm. Bayford, deceased; Thomas Appleby, quaker; Mr. Tho. Hastler, chirugion; Mr. Mathew Game, Robert Dimsdale, quaker; John Grave, Sameuell Tayler, Richard Heydon, Mr. Wm. Ely; Mr. Samuell Snoden, an attorney; Wm. Ferguson, John Reene [or Reeve], Edward Ashby, Mr. Wm. Saunders, an apothycarie; Nathaniel Jones, deaf; Mr. Robert Stracy, doc. of physick; Baldwin Skingle, deceased; Tho. Wheatly, Richard Osborn, deceased; Mr. Samuel Joslin, Mr. Edward Denny, gent.; Mr. Eleazer Bounds, gent.; Tho. Clayton, Robert Barnes, Mathew Ramsey, Abraham Perry, Wm. Mills, George Bass, Mr. Tho. Barnard, gent.; Mr. John Reynolds, Wm. Healmes, Nickolus Tyler, and Edward Miller.

GADDESDEN MAGNA (No. 352).

Edw. Green, gent.; Rob. Smythe, Will. Smythe, Ezech. Clarke, Jeremie Rolfe, John Knight, Tho. Halsey, of Wood; Geo. Rose, of Northend; Fran Wilkins, Nich. Sparline, gent.; Mr. Bursie, of Eastbliey; Hen. Deane, Charles Mutton, John Beech, Marke Morris, Thos. Meadwis (?), and Edward Sibley, gent.

BYGRAVE (No. 353).

Robert Chester, esq., no other freeholders in this Parish.

THROCKING (No. 354).

Robt. Elwes, esq.; and Nich. Godfrey.

BENJO (No. 355).

Mr. Nods, Sir Thomas Rold, Mr. Feltom, Mr. Laurns, William

North, Joseph Gray, Thomas Rament, Mr. Hall, Roberd White, and Mr. Nals.

[*The above return is evidently made by a very illiterate person and the reading of the names is in several cases doubtful*].

STAPELLFORD (No. 356).

Phelip Bottler, esq.; Mr. Williams, "letster"; Mrs. Linyard, widow; Mr. Felltum, Waterford Hall; Mr. Gollesbery, Bulles Mill; and Mr. Whitte.

KENSWORTHE (No. 357).

—— Robard, esq.; Heneary Haward, Edward Slow, and Thomas Haward.

BRICKENDEN (No. 358).

Sir William Cuper "baran night" in St. Andrew's, Hertford; Thomas Clarke, esquire, of the City of London; Mr. John Lason, "docter of fisik in the parish of Elin, co. Midx."; Mr. Joseph Saiward (?), Brickenden; Mr. Thomas Cranfield, Brickenden; Mr. Robert Fish, gent., Enfield; Mr. John Walis, maltster, Mr. Willan Clarke, gentleman, Mr. Danil Clarke, gentleman, all of Brickenden; Mr. Isrell Kenton Alderman, All Saints, Hertford; Mr. Richar Bridgeman, gardener, Brickenden; and Mr. Robert Farman, bruer, in Sant Marey Overies, Southwark.

WORMLEY (No. 359).

Sir Henry Monson, bart., of Broxburne; Sir Benjamin Maddox, bart.; Richard Woollastone, esq.; William Wallis, esq.; Richeard Chansee, gent.; Richeard Crelle, gent., of Docters; Daniel Hall, gent., of Wadterford; Jeames Meutes, gent., of Leinghall Street; and Moses Panch, yeoman, of Broxborn.

GILSTON (No. 360).

Henry Gold, esq.; Edmund Godum, esq.; Mr. Tarvin, gent.; and John Patchey, gent., not of age.

ST. JOHN'S, HERTFORD (No. 361).

Edward Clarke, esq., of London; Joseph Saward, gent.; William Clarke, gent.; John Heath, gent; and Steven Fuller, esq.

WIDFORD (No. 362).

Mr. Cock and Robert Hadgley, both of Munden.

HERTINGFORDBURY (No. 363).

Sir William Morley, knight of the bath, Hannacks in Sussex; Wm. Cowper, Patrick Crawford, George Watts, Richard Nicholl, and Tho. Godard, gentlemen, all of London; John Ashers, Southwark in Surrey; Water Wallinger, London; John Miles, Hertingfordbury; and Alphabel Battel, Hertford, gentlemen; Tho. Grubb, senr., John Brown, John Rooding, ——— Grubb, junr., and ——— Grubb, yeomen, Hertingfordbury.

LITTLE AMWELL (No. 364).

William Clark, John Hunsdon, John Heath, Samuel Hal, Isak Heath, James Nuton, Mr. Dockrul, and William Horner.

THORLEY (No. 365).

Mr. Billers, of London; Dr. Hale, of Dunmow, co. Essex; John White, of Thorley; Edward Brett, of Thorley; Mr. Carpenter, of London; Daniell Willy, of Henham, Essex; Bernard Skingle, of Bishop's Stortford; Mr. John Cooke, of Shingle Hall; Mr. Manister, of Roydon, Essex.

SANDON (No. 366).

Doctor Nicolas, of Winchester, co. Hants.; Frances Flyer, of Pelam; John Cockang, gent., of Henksworth; James Hatch, gent., Fetter Lane, London; William Bloo, of Covintenbury (?) Herts.; George Robins, of Bradfield, Herts. (*sic*); John Brooks, of Sandon; Daniel Fuller, of Sandon; John Godfree; John Savell, of Wardsmell; Mr. Been, Puckeregh; George Clay, gent., Cambridge; Mr. Habblin, London; John Jones, gent., Hertford; John Chapell, clerk, of Noregh; and Charles Etteregh, of Nesworth, co. Cambs.

HADHAM MAGNA (No. 367).

Thomas Paske, esquire; Hugh Parnell, gent.; Danell Shorwood, George Orger, Jonas Hamton, John Halle, Thomas Melles, and Thomas Willey.

HARPENDEN (No. 368).

James Wittewronge, esq., living at Rothamsteed; Godman Jenkyn, esq.; Mr. Robert Jenkyn, Mr. Wm. Cotton, living at Turnner's Hall; Joseph Bray, yeoman; John Tyler, yeoman, of Hatching Green; Mr. Wm. Marshall, Rich. Sheppard, living at Offle; and Ralph Wiltsheire, alehouse-keeper.

BRENT PELHAM (No. 369).

Francis Flyer, esq.; Will. Wright, gent.; and Edward Witham, of Barkway Parish, "but is 68 years old, and is ill."

HUNDSDON (No. 370).

Sir Humphrey Gore, Esquire Bluke (?), Mr. Calvart, Mr. How, Mr. Whalley, Mr. Tho. Dunster, Mr. Henry Walley, and John Hunsdon.

STONDON (371).

Walter Lord Aston, Baron of Forfarr, in Scotland; Sir Thomas Brograve, of Hamills, baronet; William Cooper, of Hertford; Francis Flyre, of Brent Pelham; Thos. Dunster, of Hertford; Jonathan Morris, of Little Munden, clerk; Thomas Wilson, of Great Munden, clerk; John Wade, of Stondon, clerk; Benjamin Gardiner, of Stondon, gent.; Arthur Windus, of Ware, gent.; Robt. King, of Chestunt, gent.; William Phips, of Digswell, esquire, Tho. Luck, of King Street, Bloomsbury, London, gent.; Robt. Hall, of Benjo, gent.; Tho. Billins, of London, gent.; George Noods, of Sheffild Bury; Robt. Hagely, of Great Munden, gent.; John Gill, of Bishop Stortford, gent.; Tho. Cock, of Great Munden, gent.; Henry Randall, Apisden, gent.; William Mookes, of Ware, maltster; Richd. Uthwhat, of Ware, maltster; Henry Uthwhat, of Stondon, gent.; Richd. Lawrence, of Stondon, gent.; Nathaniell Godfrey, of Ware, maltster; George Ben, of Braughin, gent.; John Harrison, of London, merchant; Edmund How, of St. Albans, gent.; John Waterman, of Stepney, co. Middlesex, wine cooper; Robert Bird, of London, gent.; Moses Cook, of Little Hadham, gent.; John Sigons, of Sacomb, and Joseph Wren, of Stondon, yeomen; John Green, of Boshop Stortford, baker; Henry Sibley, of Yardley, William Nutting, of Stondon, and Jerimiah Ballard, of Stondon,

yeomen; Ralfe Say, of Stondon, chapman; John Roe, of Long in Staffordshire, yeoman; Tho. Serreidge, of Stondon, yeoman; Ralfe Thayer, of Braughing, baker; William Staley, of Stondon, yeoman; William Rud, of Hertford, draper; Will. Ashurste, of London, gent.

BRAUGHING (No. 372).

Sir Thomas Brograve, of Braughin, baronet; Thomas Bovest [Bruest ?] esq., of Little Hormead; Marmaduke Tenant, gent., of Rowton, Norfolk; Abraham Hubland, of London, merchant; William Harvey, esq., of Chigwell, Essex; James Perkins, of Braughin, clerk; William Welsh, of Little Hormead, yeoman; Edmund How, of St. Albans, gent.; Thomas Wilson, of Great Munden, clerk; John Meriton, of Braughin, and Thomas Green, of Albury, yeomen; Bartholomew Edwards, of Spole, Norfolk; William Smith, of Braughin, butcher; William Wolf, of Braughin, yeoman; Charles Humphrey, of Hatton Garden, gent., London; Thomas Dunster, of Hertford, gent.; Wm. Meriton, of Braughin, yeoman; Matthew Game, of Bishop Stortford, gent.; Robert Kent, of Braughin, yeoman; and William Phip....., of Digswell, esquire.

EASTWICK (No. 373).

Henery Gore, esq.; Mathew Black, esq.; Edmund Godvin, esq.; Daniell Whalley, William Neilston, William Hall, Samuell Patchey, not of age, and Sir Richard Childs,

THEAREFIELD (No. 374).

Relf Freemen, esq., of Apston; Relf Fordom, gent.; Mr. Edward Tranner, of London; Mr. Joseph Anger, of London; Mathew Frost, Richard Hasle, Robart Willcock, John Newman, Edward Price, Richard Price, Mr. John Buckston, of Roston; Mr. John Pointer, of Kilsey; Edward Woods; Edward Sandy, of Baldock; Edward Seelle; Georg Seelle, of Yardley; Mr. Edward Clark; Edward Graye; Mr. J. Crosse, of London; Mr. Swan and Mr. Gamon, of London; Mr. John Crane, of Yardley; Mr. Thearpe, of London; Sir Charles Cleaver, of Rodwell; Mr. Willyam Achew, of Braughin; Mr. John Sandford, of Storford; Mr. Garndner (?), of Walkon; Willyam Hammont, of Weessmile; and Thomas Hakkmes.

THUNDRIDGE (No. 375).

John Cock, Edward Wats, and Edward Kency, of Thundridge, yeomen; Mr. Arthur Windos, of Ware, Mr. Francis Lee, of London, and Robart Hegly, of Much Mundin, gent.

STEVENAGE (No. 376).

Jno. Nodes, gent.; Jno. Cookoe, Geo. Hitchin, John Howard (the younger), Jno. Clisbey, Tho. Greene, Wm. Watson, and Jno. Ginn, yeomen; Jno. Rowley, cordwinder; Tho. Hitchin, butcher; Jno. Trigg, infirme; Sol. Pratt, weaver; Wm. Trigg, butcher; Geo. Clarke, baker; Wm. Greene, yeoman; Tho. Shuppard (the younger), Wm. Heath, Wm. Rumbold, and Edw. Browne, yeomen; Stephen Smart, butcher; Jno. Chalkly, cordwinder; and Edw. Watts, wheeler.

WILLIAN (No. 377).

Richard Way, of Letchworth gent.; Mr. Hollies, in Northants; Mr. Tho. Basden, in Kent; Mr. Simond Lucas and Mr. Robt. Draper, of Hitchin; Mickhael Sam, of Knebworth, John Cawdell, and James Cawdell, yeomen; John Crouch, chief constable; Edw. Godfrey, grocer, David Smyth, gent., and Anthony Phage, maltster, of Baldock.

WILLMONDLY MAGNA (No. 378).

Edward Burr and Rich. Thorp; Robt. Draper, Robt. Tristram, and Wm. Reynor, gent., of Hitchin; Robt. Webb, of Titmer Green; and Wm. Draper, of Royston.

WATTON (No. 379).

Philip Boteler, esq.; Mr. Wm. Barnwell, rector; Mr. Wm. Miles; Mr. Jno. Miles, Hertingfordbury; Wm. Walker, Digswell; Affable Saunders, Robert Cock, and John Taylour; John Cramphorne, Sabridgworth; Wm. Holder, Cumberton, in Cambridgeshire; Robt. Kidwell, Datchworth; and Abr. Crosland.

SACOMB (No. 380).

Sir Thos. Rolt; Joseph Houghton, gent., of Essendon; John Sigons; George Mumford, of Benjo; Samuell Kent, of Hertford; and Thomas Roberts, of St. Albans.

KNEBWORTH (No. 381).

Sir Wm. Litton, Knt.; and Mr. Samuell Bentham, of Knebworth; Jno. Gape, of St. Albones, esq.; Jno. Kimpton, of Knebworth, yeoman; Hen. Camp. of Poulswaldin, cordwinder ..... Oseland, of London, gent.; and Jos. Mitchell, of Coddicott, gent.

WESTON (No. 382).

Sir Robt. Austin, of Bexley, co. Kent.; Robt. Cecil, esquire, of King's Walden; Edmund Field, of Stanstedberry; Isacck Clinton, of Hogsden; John Izard, of Baldock; Elisha Beane, London; Richard Clarke, of Hitchin; John Crouch, of Willian; Robt. Gorsuch, of Weston; George Underwood, gent.; Wm. Honnour, Tho. Waters, Tho. Crouch, Joseph Crouch, and Wm. Crouch.

ASTON (No. 383).

Sam. Reeve, gent., rector, and Wm. Chalkly, yeoman, of Aston; Jos. Turner, of Thatchworth [Datchworth], yeoman; Dan. Peacock, gent., of London.

WELLWIN (No. 384).

Ralph Wingate, esq.; Edward Pennyfather, Mr. John Willsheir, Matthew Waterfall, Wm. Field, Tho. Pursey, and Geo. Carpenter.

ROYSTON (No. 385).

Mr. James Northam, Mr. James Hewer, Mr. Thomas Wilson, Mr. John Glovere, Mr. Daniell Worner, Mr. John Haggar, and Mr. William Mayes.

BENNINGTON (No. 386).

Mr. Battell, William Lane, Richard Chapman, Mr. Addames, Mr. Kichen, Mr. Kente, Richard Balle, Mr. Naller, Mr. Collensen, Mr. Smarte; Mr. Brown, in London; and Ambrose Chanler, in Eping.

HORMEAD (No. 387).

Ferdinando Newport, and Mau. Love, of London, esqs.; Thomas Bonest, of Hormead Parva, esq.; and John Ives, of Maladin in Essex, yeoman.

LITTLE GADDESDEN (No. 388).

Mr. William Jarman, and Mr. Daniel Cotton; Mr. Daniel Eames, tallow chandler, London; and Samuell Hall.

FLAMSTEED (No. 389).

Sir Edward Sebright, bart.; Thomas Smith, Timothy Smith, Joseph Allen, Henry Pryor, Richard Halsey, Thomas Bradwin, John Osbern, Thomas Munn, George Halsey, Edward Briden, Thomas Allen, and John Beech.

KING'S LANGLEY (No. 390).

Sir Thomas Terryll, baronet, of Thornton, Bucks.; Simon Harcourt, esq., of London; and Penner Fowler, coachmaker, of London; Henry Smyth, George Rand, miller, John Cartwright, senr., Thomas King, mealeman, Nathaniell Gladmann, yeoman, and Henry Goodwin, brewer, of King's Langley; John Duncomb, esq., of Aveberry, Hertford; John Marriott, of King's Langley, gent.; Peter Newcomb, of Aldenham, clerke; John Andrew, and George Randall, of St. Stephens, yeomen; William Child, senr., of King's Langley; and Valentine Rolph, of King's Langley, mason.

BARKHAMSTEED (No. 391).

Edw. Soyer, esq., Jno. Woodhouse, esq., Mr. Wm. Weldon, George Topping, John Abrathat, Jno. Patrige, Jos. Ware, Jos. Sigwick, and Wm. Willit.

BALLDOCK (No. 392).

Mr. Edward Laundy, Mr. David Smith, Tho. Warner, John Fitchjohn, Tho. Moss, Tho. Manneson, Anthony Fage, Tho. Bauldock, John Izard, senr., John Izard, junr., John Moss, Danel Parnell, Richard Mewce, John Goodwine, John Hookins, Roberd Edwards, Edward Godfery, William Goodwine; Mr. Fox, of Hertford; Edward Bur, and Mr. Hast, of Wimly; John Cork, of Dunton, Beds.; and Mr. Crose, of London.

CADENTON (No. 393).

John Copen, esq., Thomas Burchmer, John East, Thomas Lanford, and John Burchmer.

HODDESDON (No. 394).

The Right Honble. the Earl of Salisbury, Sir Henry Monson, Sir Thomas Boyde, [Byde?], Marmaduke Raydon, gent.; Widow Rawdon; Jasper Garnett, gent., Lady Temple, Squire Plumer, Mr. Grinwin, Mr. Sale, Martha and Mary Fountaine; Benjamin Farman, Hartford; Danell Freeman; Mr. John Dimsdall, Hartford; Mr. Robart Dimsdall, John Beale, Thomas Hunt, Mr. Robart Colson; Mr. Luke, co. Hunts.; Mrs. Marrett, Widdow Williams, Samuell East, Widdow Shanbrock, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Fish, Elizabeth Baker; Mr. Brisco, London; Mr. Isack Slinton, Mr. William Plumor, Mr. Thomas Luck, Hugh Masum; Robart Woodall, Broxborne; Widdow Bruton; Mr. William Pe[l]ley, of London; Mr. Grane, Cheshun; and Mr. Warrin.

BROXBORNE (No. 395).

The Lord Solsbury, Sir Henry Monson, John Plumer, esq.; Ralph Pallmer, esq., of Chelley; Richard Crawley, gent., of Nothall; John Lewin, gent., of Broxborne; Mr. Woollcome, of Deavenshere; Thomas Welch, of Broxborne; Abraham Whorley, of Stanstead; Robartt Woodall, and Thomas Umerston, of Broxborne; and Sammeull Craffts, of Wormley.

STUDHAM (No. 396).

Henry Belfield, Thomas Beaumont, and John Paine.

BUSHEY (No. 397).

Sylus Titus, esq., Tho. Nicholls, Tho. Pierpoint, Walter Cook, Michael Warrin, John Bunby, Nehe. Knowlton, John Nichols, John Bellis, and John Adams.

COLESHILL HAMLET (No. 398).

Francis Allnutt, Henry Ball, John Browne, Richard Child, Abel Clarke, and John Bovingdon, all of Coleshill, yeomen.

BAYFORD (No. 399).

Israel Mayo, esq., and Mr. John Dawson, of Bayford; Mr. Danl. Clark, Hertford; Mr. Tho. Turvey, Bayford; Mr. Ralph Battell (the younger), Hertford; and Phillip Grallin, of Ware.

SHENLEY (No. 400).

Sir Edmond Anderson, Sir Jeremiah Snow, William Elliot, John Sibley, Edward Adams, Edward Barnard, Nathaniell Harris, senr.; Solloman Woodyer, and Tho. Gray.

NORTH MIMS (No. 401).

The Marquis of Caermarthen, Mr. John Beechcraft, Andrew Fountain, esq., Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Rogger Coningsby, Mr. John Robberds, Mr. Tho. Fish, The Lady Blunt, The Lady Turner, Mr. Waller, Sir William Humble, Mr. Childe, Mr. Halsey, William Battell, Mr. Elbrow, William Manfield, Mr. Elles, Mr. Reeves, Henry Hillyard, John Clark, Widdow Clark, Mr. Colborn, Mr. Tho. Willford, Tho. Malbrow, Tho. Addams, Widdow Papworth, Mr. Suthern, Mr. Stonestreets, Mr. John Huxly, Widdow Flandell, John How, Mr. John Pargitter, Mr. Toller (?), Mr. Heath, Phillip Addams, ... Robins, ... Grig, John Fletcher, John Howard Widdow Mun, Adam Mun, John Reddale, Richard Howard, William Hopkins, Henry Beech (?), Mr. Gardner, Widdow Steevens, Nathaniel Steevens, John Harrowdine, Samuell Smith, John March, Mr. Machill, Richard Clark, John Archer, Mr. Joseph Huntman, Tho. How, Harington Bickly, Widdow Sammon, Benjamin David, John Olliver, and Edward Higdon.

GRAVLEY-CUM-CHISFIELD (No. 402).

Mr. Bower, minister ; Mr. Throckmortin, and Mr. Smith, gent.; William Kimpton, yeoman ; Samuell Peet, butcher; and Mr. Alston.

IPPOLLETTS (No. 403).

John Hobbs, Nicholas Marshall, Edward Draper, John Joyner Daniell Lawrence, Edw. Dermer; Joseph Barker, quaker ; and John Draper.

BISHOPS HATFIELD (No. 404).

Sir James Read, knight and bart.; Sir Rich. Onslo., knight ; Sir John Spencer, knight and bart.; Tho. Prisly, esq., Tho. Taylor, esq., Joseph Jordan, esq., John Paggeter, esq., Tho. Godard, esq., John Machill, esq., Israell Mayo, esq., Parris Slater, esq., Mr. John Seranke, jun., Mr. Tho. Johnson, Mr. Joseph Huntman, Mr.

Samuell Hare, John Harrow, Nathanill Phipp, John Saranke, sen., Daniel Addison, Marthew Lowing, Henery Lamb, John Wright, Mr. Tho. Barleggs (?), Henery Beech, George Bassill, George Carpenter, Will. Battell, Mr. Will. Smeith, John Gappe, esq., Mr. John Wickes, John Martin, Jeames Jackson, Tho. Fish, gent., Tho. Pryar, Tho. Eatton, Mr. Steven Bankes, Rich. Corrall, and Mr. Tho. Seranke.

HINXWORTH (No 405).

Mr. Cockayne, Geo. Downing, clerk; Edmund Randall, Mr. John Izzard, of Baldock; Mr. Hutchinson, of Low Layton, Essex; Mr. Peck, and Mr. Taylor, of London; and Mr. Lante (?).

LILLY (No. 406).

Tho. Halpeny, esq., Will. Feild, John Butterfield, Christop. Ansell, and Jonath. Whiting.

AYOTT ST. LAWRENCE (No. 407).

Mr. Francis Audley, Mr. Edward Carter, rector; and William Wakett, living at Wellwin.

LITTLE WYMONDLEY (No. 408).

Geo. Needham, esq., and Matthew Foster.

LITTLE MUNDEN (No. 409).

William Berisford, Thomas Kitching, and Thomas Rowely, gent.; Edward Green, John Nicholson, Richard Goodwin, Jeremiah Hammond, and William Cater; "for the estate late sold by Mrs. Feeild not known of his name that bought it," and John Spence, esq.

WALKHORNE (No. 410).

John Hurst, Samuell Hodgson, Edward Lane, and John Pryer, gent.; John Humberstone, yeoman; John Feild, farmer; George Andrews, brickmaker; George Exton, grocer; and Henry Sibly, farmer, all of Workhorne; Thomas Ashby, gent., Wheatumsted; Richard Edds, gent., at Laberinuaine Hill, London; John Chambers, gent., in Lumber Street, London; Thomas Bows, gent., in Claytonwell [Clerkenwell?] Green, London; and John Buckmaster, cooper, at Cripplegate, London.

GREAT MUNDON (No. 411).

William Berrisford, and Thomas Kitchin, of Mundon Perva gent.; John Cock, Danill Skingle, John Clark, and John Peacock, Munden Magna, yeomen; William Annsil, of Westmill, Munden Magna, yeoman; Michell Phillips, John Chapman, and William Cater, of Munden Magna, yeomen; and Henry Adams, of Munden Parva, butcher.

PIRTON (No. 412).

James Hanscombe, Robt. Collison, John Collison, John Farmer, Olliver Farmer, Mich. Ansell, Will. Sam., Robt. Primatt, and Henry Hobbs, quaker.

RUSHDEN (No. 413).

Madame Stone, of London; Edm. Feeld, esq., of Stansted; Joseph Edmonds, esq., of London; Jos. Spence, esq., of London; Timothy Bristow, of Roslingworth (?), Beds.; Widow (?) Landy, of Baldock; and Edward Webb, of Cottered.

HITCHIN (No. 414).

Sir Ralf Ratcliff, knt.; Tho. Papworth, gent.; and Hen. Kingsly, esq.; Will. Joyse, Simon Lucas, Lawrence Tristram, Edw. Draper, Robt. Draper, Robt. Rayner, and Robt. Tristram, gent.; and Honylove (?) Carter, gent.; John Draper, Will. Hanscomb, Robert Shipsen, and Will. Barker; Tho. Surety sen.; Joseph King, gent.; and Tho. Surety, Jun.; Tho. Hitchin, Robt. Green, Tho. Gunnill, Jno. North, Will. Hitchin, Edw. Hurst, Danll. Hurst, Jas. Hurst, Robt. Lucas, Will. Lucas, Will Jenes (?), and Jno. Squire; Tho. Goldsmith, blind; John Feild, Jno. Butler, Jno. Soams, Robert Adston, Geo. Lyle, and James Lyle; Abrah. Thomson, Will. Lucas, Joseph Sanders, and Will. Turnor, quakers; Joseph Halsted, Richd. Clark, Henry Warner, Joseph Carter, Jno. Thornton, Jno. Whittinsall, Jno. Collis, and Tho. Colson; Nich. Ansell, esq.; and Tho. Ensden; W. Hawkins, gone to Paul's Walden; Tho. Crawly, W. Turnor, Tho. Eversley, Hen. Fuller, John Papworth, Edw. Plummer, and John Kempton, jun.; and John Farr, Tho. Canfeild, John Hobbs, Jere. Marshall, Leonard King, George Welsh, and Tho. Eversley, all of Langley Hamlet-cum-Preston.

KING'S WALDEN (No. 415).

The Honble. Robt. Cecill, Tho. Rudd, Richd. Bigg, Jere. Godfry, Jno. Lawrenc, Jno. Feild, Nath. Young, John Welsh, and John Gutteridg; Tho. Crawly, "a feble man"; Michael Shrewsbury, John Wells, John Sheapherd, Tho. Gutteridg, and Dan. Young.

TOTTERIDGE (No. 416).

John Charlton, and Edward Hayns, esqs.; Mr. Edward Ettrick, Mr. William Phasakerly, Mr. Thomas Sauney (?), Mr. Thomas Nicoll, Mr. Richard Burditt, and John North.

ANSTEY (No. 417).

Sir William Lytton, knt.; Mr. Tho. Crowh [Crowch]; Mr. Hall, Mr. Brockett, Gor. Holgate, Tho. Renill, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Wootten, Mr. Swann, Mr. Fra. Holand, Jo. Haynes, Mr. Edridge, Mr. Hamond, Mr. Rennuls, and Tho. Jorden.

STOCKEN PELHAM (No. 418).

William Web, esq.; Mr. Francis Twin, gent.; George Walar, yeoman; and Antony Notedge.

MEESDEN (No. 419).

Mr. Hawker, living at Baddow; Franc Flyer, living at Brent Pelham; Mr. Parnell, living at Hadham Magna; John Osborn, living at Arborey; Rob. Caiebread, living at Cleavering; and Andrew Woolfe, living at Barkway.

ASPEDON (No. 420).

Sir Peter Soams, bart., of Haydon, Essex; Ra. Freeman, of Aspeden; Wm. Plumor, of Hoddsdon: Jo. Smith, Tho. Randall, Henry Randall, Wm. Boddy, Tho. Capeland, Geo. Gregory, and Jo. Snow, all of Aspeden.

LASTON (No. 421).

Thomas Estrige, William Estrige, George Tinckenton, Robert Tinckenton, Henry Crowder (?), Mr. Thomas Crouch, John Etrige, William Joyce, Richard Crouder, John Maskle, George Nikles, George Etrige, and Samewell Tibles.

LITTLE HADHAM (No. 422).

Mr. Hayns, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cook, Ralph Bayford, Thomas Orgar, Richard Whelpson, John Clark, and Zachery Nickals.

REED (No. 423).

Valentine Leigh, and Tho. Turner; Joseph Mallion, clerk; and ..... Newland, gent.

WALLINGTON (No. 424).

Mr. Richard Blow.

CLOTHALL (No. 424).

Robert Cecil, esq., living at King's Walding; Joseph Edmons, esq.; Wm. Phip, esq., living at Digswell; Wm. Fletcher, gent., living at Clothall; Tho. Baldock, living at Baldock; Tho. Guteridg (?) living at Buntingford; John Taylor, gent., living at Tower Hill, London; and Wm. Sidingham, living at Tower Hill, London.

COTTERED (No. 426).

Robert Frost; Edw. Webb, of Cotred; Rich. Crouch, of Wheathamsted; Edw. Knight, of Tewin; Sir Peter Soames, bart.; Geo. Astin, of Cotred; and John Hexton, of Yardley.

BARKWAY (No. 427).

Andrew Wolff, James Croft, Nathanill Kimpton, Harvey Kimpton, Mickell Pryor, and Lawranc Willis (?)

BARLY (No. 428).

Francis Patten, younger; Thomas Amoy, John Newes, and and Jeames Rusted.

ST. MARGARETS (No. 429).

No freeholders or copyholders to return.

WARE (No. 430).

Cornell (Cornett?) Plummer, Sir Thomas Byd, Alexander Weld, Thomas Fish, Richard Dickason, John Searle, Thomas Seager,

Arthur Windus, Benjamine Pattmor, Richard Uthwatt, John Uthwatt, John Dockerah, and William Burchatt.

GREAT HORENMEAD (No. 431).

William Colvered (?), esq., of Furneaux Pelham; Tho. Towere, esq., of Buntingford; Isaac and Abraham Hublon, merchants in London; Mr. James Tomson, "mellinar," at Lothbury in London; Mr. Tho. East, "a silkmaser," in London, at Roun Corte; Mr. Tho. Gofery, a "woollingdraper in Warr" [Ware ?]; John Larance, yeoman, at King's Woallding; George Hamat, yeoman, at Funish Pelham; Mr. Hinnery Hawkes, tallow-chandler, of Southwark, at St. Margarets Hill; and Mr. Thomas Lile, apothecary, in Winchester Street, near New Bedlam.

WIDDIALL (No. 432).

William Brown.

STANSTEAD* (No. 433).

The Return for this place is very obscure, the names appear to be—Stephen Flack, yeoman; Richard Wood *alias* Warren, blacksmith; James Sanuvod, yeoman; Mr. Sam. Gattwood, attorney-at-law; and Mr. Rich. Rooynhold [Reynolds ?], tanner.

TEWING (No. 434).

Wm. Gore, and Robt. Cecil, esq., and Francis Field, of Tewing, yeoman.

WESTMILL (No. 435).

Sir Thomas Brograve, of Braughin; Giles Dent., of Newport Pond, in Essex, esq.; Tho. Cocke, of Much Munden, and Joseph Butler, of Westmill, gent.; William Ansell, John Hamond, Will. Hamond, Tho. Clinton, and Richard Harvey, of Westmill, yeomen.

LITTLE BARKHAMSTED (No. 436).

Mr. Jno. Adams, rector; George Norbury, esq.; and Mr. Nevill, lord of Manor; Mr. Bently, Mr. Wood, Tho. Parrett, Dr. Barbour, Adam Smith, Dr. Dimsdale, and Mr. Jackson, copyholders.

* Reading doubtful.

GREAT AMWELL (No. 437).

Phelib. Filmer, esq.; Steven Blinn (?) Little Amwell; Jo. Stewert (?) Hertford; Wm. Harwood, Little Amwell: Tho. Dunston, esq., Hertford; Jo. Frances, Amwell; Japhat Crook, St. Margret; Wm. Plomer, and Hen. Farrow, Amwell; Ben. Turner, Digswell; Wm. Bride, and Wm, Cattlin, of Amwell.

447. January, 1698-9. Bill for work and timber, for the county bridge at Buntingford :—

"92 footes the whoreg (wharfing) of ocken plank £1 5s. 6d.; 90 footes for the tope of the bridge of ocken planks, £1 4s. 8d." and other items. Total of bill £6 3s. 3d.

449. Mr. Savells account of money expended in the repairing, amending and new building, of several county bridges, certified by Ralph Freeman and James Goulston, justices:—

Repairing Wadesmill Bridge in	1699,	£0	18	9
,, ,,	1698,	£1	9	4
,, New Bridge and Ford Bridge in	1698,	£14	11	7
,, Standòn Bridge and new making about 40 feet of the same in...	1699,	£28	4	7
,, and new wharfing, Wadesmill Bridge in...	1699,	£28	19	8
Two new locks and four keys for Wadesmill Bridge...		£0	6	0
		£74	9	11

Endorsed. Ordered that £100 be raised, and the above £74 9s. 11d. be paid to Mr. Savile, and the balance applied to other bridge repairs as the court shall direct.

VOLUME FOR DIVERS YEARS—1699.

1699. Presentment that a footbridge lying in the footpath running

from Hertford towards Ware, over a watercourse, flowing between a meadow called Bulls Hook, and a meadow called Cowley, is in decay, and that Giles Dunstar, of Hertford, ought to repair the same.

367, 368, & 370. Indictments for unlawfully keeping dogs and poaching.

346. 1699. Presentment of John Marsh, rother, of Ashwell, for not scouring the river against his grounds, being, by estimation, four poles.

160. 15 June, 1699. Alehouse and victuallers' recognizances.

361. 1 Dec. 1699. Indictment of Mary Lawman, of St. John's, Hertford, widow, for dividing her tenement in two, and letting the same to various persons with their families as undertenants, to the great danger of infecting the inhabitants with the pestilence.

VOLUME 1698-1700—continued.

1700.

510. Recognizances of Richard Bigerton, higler, Thomas Ratey, gardener, and James Jacob, victualler, all of Cheshunt, for the first-named to appear and answer the charge of the officers of the said parish, that he leads an idle life, keeps bad company, spends great sums of money, and has no visible means of getting any.

511. Recognizances of Peter Shortridg, of Cheshunt, to appear and answer a contempt in refusing to serve the office of constable according to an order of the justices.

514. Recognizances of Edward Soames, of Stansted Abbott, carpenter, for the appearance of Sarah, his wife, to prefer a bill of indictment and give evidence against Richard Sumner, of the same place, carpenter, for assaulting, beating, and attempting to ravish her.

515. Recognizances of the above named Richard Sumner in £20, Geoffrey Hunsdon, yeoman; and Henry Peate, carpenter,

both of Stansted Abbott, in £10 each, for the appearance of the first-named, to answer the said charge.

517. Recognizance of Robert Tomalin, that he will not at any time hereafter kill, take or destroy any partridges, hares, conies, pheasants, or any other game with nets, guns, dogs, or other "ingines."

520. Recognizances of William Field, of Welwyn, gentleman; to appear and answer a charge of enticing and encouraging Thomas Harper, of Bayford, to rob the warren of Ralph Wingate, of Welwyn. See also No. 528.

521. Recognizances of Richard Ansell, weaver; Winford Brown, yeoman; and Thomas Halestrap, butcher; all of Hunsdon; for the first-named to appear and answer a charge that Sarah Whitby, of the same place being great with child, he forcibly turned her out of doors, endeavouring thereby to make her turn vagrant.

531. Recognizances of Isaac Larkin, of Hoddesdon, wheelwright; to appear and answer for deserting his wife and children.

538. List, containing names of over 200 persons who have entered into recognizances.

539. Richard Harwood, of Ware, mealman; deposes (*inter alia*), that wheat was very cheap, "by reason no London loaders came down."

548. Presentment of Thomas Watts, of Ware, for not keeping up his fence in a lane adjoining to Millfield, Ware, leading to Easny Park, in the parish of Stanstead Abbott.

549. Presentment of Daniel Young, of Yardley, for being drunk on the Lord's day and disturbing Mr. Fillingworth, the minister, at a licensed meeting house in the parish of Cottered.

553. Presentment of John Sawyer, and John Williamson, of Cheshunt, for not going to church or any other place of public worship.

569. Indictment of Rosamund, wife of Joseph Bishop, of Hitchin labourer; for leaving her daughter aged seven years, who was suffering from smallpox on the ground at the door of ——— Sykes, of Hitchin.

574. Indictment of Thomas Millet, of Ware, labourer, for exercising the art, mystery or handicraft of a clockmaker, not having served as an apprentice thereto for a term of seven years.

581. Indictment of Margaret Page, of Hertingfordbury, widow, for erecting a millhouse in the common way there.

590. 8 April, 1700. Order, that Thomas Fish, one of the chief constables of the hundred of Dacorum, do submit his accounts to two justices, who shall report in writing thereon, and that, immediately after such accounts are taken, John Tyler, of Harding, who is appointed to serve as one of the chief constables of the said hundred, in the room of Thomas Fish, do attend to be sworn in or bound over if he refuse. On the 22nd of May, 1700, James Wittewrong and John Woodhouse, certify that they have perused and adjusted the accounts of the said Thomas Fish, and find no money in his hands, 23 May, 1700. Further certificate of James Wittewrong, that John Tyler duly took the oath as a chief constable.

591. Order at Quarter Sessions on the complaint of Robert Thrussell, of Little Barkhamsted, in the matter of the poor rate. He alleges that he is rated for all the tithes he "hires" of John Adams, clerk, rector of the said parish, although he holds and occupies but little, the major part being demised and lett to others from whom the said tithes [*sic i.e.* rates for tithes] are due and payable. The court is of opinion that the occupiers only of the said tithes ought to pay towards the said poor rate for so much of the said tithes as they hold, occupy, and enjoy, and that the said Robert Thrussell should only be assessed upon what he holds. And whereas a question arose whether the said poor rates were made by the said Robert Thrussell before or since the letting of the said tithes or any of them, it is ordered that

the examination of the matter be referred to two justices, who shall report thereon, in writing to the Bench.

593. 17 July, 1700. Order that Ann Cheslin, an infant, aged five years, who was found wandering in the parish of Little Munden, and who is likely to become chargeable to the said parish, be conveyed to Romford, in the county of Essex, as it appears by the oath of James Bland, of Tharfield, that she was born there.

595. Certificate, dated 15 July, 1700, of William Gregory, of Watford, treasurer to the trophy money or militia tax for the county of Hertford, that no militia or trophy money has been raised or collected in the county since "last December three years."

596. Certificate by the inhabitants of Ashwell, that one, John Marshrother of the said parish—who stands indicted for neglecting to scour part of a small river or brook running by ground which he holds—is by reason of "an ould great sore of his leg" unable to travel. The certificate also states that he "hath sufficiently scoured and cleansed the said watercourse, so that the water passes away without damaging any person whatsoever."

597. Certificate of two justices, that the highway leading from St. Margaret's Church to the New River Bridge, in the parish of St. Margaret's, in length about 40 poles, which was indicted, is now in good repair.

VOLUME FOR DIVERS YEARS—1700.

445. 4 April, 1700. Letter from Ra. Radcliffe and Richard Helder to the justices of the peace at Hertford. "Since we are given to understand upon a complaint to us lately made on behalf of Joseph Glover, of the parish of Hitchin, in this county, that the said Joseph is a very poor man, and by reason of some misfortunes and troubles lately befallen him is, together with his wife and four small chil-

dren, reduced to a very low and necessitous condition, yet, being industrious and willing to keep himself and family from a parish charge, hath lately betaken himself to a mean imployment of baking the town bread, and sometimes, though but sildome, selling a small inconsiderable quantitie thereof, whereupon some have been so malicious, merely out of a vexatious humor, to present him at the last sessions as an offender against the statute in that case made, he not serving an apprenticeship to such a calling, endeavouring thereby to expose him to such hardships (which if they take place) will tend to his utter ruin; wherefore we, believing his estate to be such as is premised, do most affectionately recommend his necessitous condition, together with his distressed family, as fitt objects of the tenderest compassion, desiring that you will be pleased to remitt his offence, and discharge him of all forfeitures and penalties due and payable for the same."

402a. 8 April, 1700. Certificate that Labden Bridge in the parish of Standon is in good repair.

362 and 363. 10 Nov., 1700. Indictments of ——— Lisle, of Essendon, widow; and Elizabeth Clarke, of the parish of St. John's, Hertford, widow, for dividing their tenements into two, and letting the same to various persons with their families as undertenants, to the great danger of infecting the inhabitants with the pestilence.

345. 1700. Presentment that a bridge leading from Hertford to Ware, between the meadows called Bullshooke and Cawley is in decay and dangerous for want of a rail, and that Giles Dunster, Esq., and Widow Richardson, of Brickendon, ought to repair the same.

347. 1700. Presentment of Mary Evens, wife of Benjamin Evens, as a common scold.

364. 1700. Indictment of John Marsh Rother, labourer, of Ashwell, for not scouring a watercourse running near his land in Ashwell.

334. 1700. Indictment of John Goodwyn, of Potter's Green, in the parish of Little Munden, yeoman, for enclosing a great part of the common at Potter's Green, and for enclosing and stopping up an ancient watercourse or ditch there.

349-354. 1700. Presentments and Indictments of—
Benjamin Shelford, of Stevenage, labourer,
John Symonds, of Wheathamstead, labourer,
William Ginn, of Braughing, labourer,
John Phipp, of Baldock, labourer,
Thomas Pinnock, of Baldock, labourer,
and William Giles, of Layston, labourer,
for carrying on the occupation of badger, lader, kidder, carrier and buyer of corn, grain, butter and cheese, and buying and selling cattle without license.

355. 1700. Presentment that a common pump near the "Falcon Inn," in Puckeridge Street, in the parish of Standon, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Standon ought to repair the same.

356. 1700. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Saccombe, leading from Dane End in the parish of Little Munden, to Saccombe pound in the parish of Saccombe, being a way for carts and carriages, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Saccombe ought to repair the same.

357. 1700. Indictment of John Doughton, of Little Munden, labourer, for obstructing a watercourse at Dane End, in the parish of Little Munden, running next the highway from Saccombe to Much Munden, by erecting a dam or stank across the same.

359. 1700. Presentment that a public bridge across the river or watercourse running from Hertford to Ware in the parish of St. John, Hertford, called King's Mead Bridge, is in decay, and that John Beale, of Hertford, ought to repair the same.

BUNDLE FOR 1701.

15. 25 April. Writ to the keeper of the house of correction at Hertford safely to keep Mary, the wife of Lewis Nicholson of Standon, for going to London with a vagrant idle fellow and leaving her husband and several small children chargeable upon the parish, and to make her labour till she be delivered by due course of law.

16. Easter Session. Further order that the said Mary should be continued in custody till the next session and till then to receive due punishment and correction.

51. Order for certain of the justices to arrange for the purchase of divers tenements in the High Street, Hertford, for a county gaol, the price of the land and building not to exceed 1600*l.*

77. 4 June. Recognizance by Andrew Rule of Ashwell for his appearance to answer Elizabeth Hunt of Ashwell, single-woman, touching his barbarous usage of her and drawing her into a mill-pond.

95. Information of Anne, wife of Matthew Audley of Standon, glover, that there was unlawful familiarity between her husband and Mary Welch and that the said Mary had given the informant abusive language and threatened to fight with her, proposing that she who beat should have the said Matthew.

97. 13 January. Presentment that Kingsmead Bridge in the parish of St. John, Hertford, is out of repair and ought to be repaired by John Neale, occupier.

Presentment that the narrow market way between Dane End and Sacomb, lodges the water so that people cannot pass and that it ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Sacomb.

Presentment that John Dowton of Little Munden has made a stank* in the common highway at the end of Dane End Street which turns the water into the said highway.

103. 28 April. Presentment of Edward Swayne of Offley for working with his team on the last fast day and for not going to church or any other place of religious worship for one month.

107, 110, 114, 136, 137, 138, & 154. 14 July. Presentment of Humphrey Gyllams and others for not keeping watch and ward.

Presentment that a narrow common highway from Dane End in Little Munden parish to Sacomb pound in the parish of Little Munden lodges the water so that people cannot pass for the space of twenty poles and that the parish of Little Munden ought to repair and lay open the said highway.

133. Indictment of James Nicholls of Watton-at-Stone for stealing from the ponds and rivers of Philip Boteler, six trout, value 10*d*. Order that he be well whipped at the market place, Hertford.

159. 20 November. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Standon from Little Munden to Ware for the space of 100 poles in length, called Boarne, is out of repair and that the inhabitants of Standon ought to repair the same.

162. Presentment that a certain fence between the orchard of John Webster of Stanstead and a certain piece of common land called Tays Grove in the parish of Stanstead was thrown down and that the said John Webster ought to re-erect it.

163. Presentment that a certain fence between the lands of George Burley of Bishops Hatfield and a certain common meadow (*quoddam commune pratum*) called High Mead in the parish of Essendon was thrown down for a length of 40 poles and that the said George Burley ought to re-erect the same.

* Stank, a dam.

165. Draft petition to Parliament by the high sheriff, and justices of the peace for the County of Hertford for powers to levy money for the purchase of ground and the erection thereon of a new county gaol.

167. 6 October. Draft address by the high sheriff and justices of the peace of the county of Hertford to King William III, on the French King's asserting a right in the pretended Prince of Wales to the Crown of England.

173. 16 June. Certificate that Munden Lane is in good repair.

178. Certificate that Richard Rowland of Potten, petty chapman, who swore God damn him, three times, was fined 3*s*. That Mary Stratton wife of George Stratton of Ware Upland who swore By God, several times, was, for default of distress, set in the stocks three hours, and that Thomas Phip of Ware Upland, victualler, being convicted of swearing By his Maker, paid 1*s*. to the poor of Ware Upland.

BUNDLE FOR 1702.

95. 5 September. Deposition by Luke Eales, junior, of Welwyn that at about 7 on the previous night he passed the cart of William Brown, carrier, in Lempsford Mill Hill and after he had passed he heard Mrs. Anne Phipps cry out, but the way being narrow he could not get to her; however, she was relieved by another. And he heard Mr. Battel say—"Sirrah, you had like to have killed a woman in the company and dare you give such language, you ought to have your head broke." Upon which Brown made answer—"What would you have, sirrah," and immediately struck the said Battel 30 or 40 blows with a cart whip and said they (meaning the clergy) were black coated rascals and that they would be damned and that the devil would fetch them to hell by hundreds with other reviling words.

99. 12 January. Presentment of the parishioners of Standon for not repairing the highway leading from Little Munden to Ware containing 100 poles, called the Boarne.

99a. 13 April. Presentment that a certain highway leading

from Hatfield to St. Albans is out of repair and that the parishioners of Hatfield ought to repair it for about a mile in length.

106. 13 July. Presentment that the beacon on Hertford Heath is ready to fall and is very much out of repair.

107. 5 October. Presentment of the inhabitants of Bengeo for not repairing a foot-bridge in the common highway at Ware Westmill in Bengeo parish, which is out of repair and dangerous to passengers.

Presentment of Roger Baker of Bengeo, William Clarke of the same, — Smith of the same, widow, William Lowen of the same and Affabel (*sic*) Lawrance of Dounfield in Standon for not scouring a river running from Waredesmill in this county to Ware Westmill by their grounds for 100 poles.

109, 175, 176. 5 October. Presentment that a foot-bridge over Oreton Head River which leads to Hitchin from Ickleford, also a foot-bridge called Grub's Bridge on Hitchin side leading from Ickleford to Baldock ought to be repaired by the parishioners of Hitchin.

110. 5 October. Presentment by the hundreds of Broadwater and Dacorum of George and Francis Humberstone, brothers, late of Weston, for destroying the Queen's game.

117 & 180. Indictment of John Fisher of Cheshunt, labourer, for teaching the boys of divers lieges without the licence of the Bishop or his Ordinary and without having taken the oaths and not being a frequenter of church.

118. A like indictment of John Braun of Cheshunt.

121. Presentment that the Queen's highway in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield leading from Bishop's Hatfield to St. Alban's for the space of one mile in length is out of repair and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Hatfield.

130. Presentment of Mary Welch of Standon, spinster, for being a common and assiduous disturber of the peace and originator of divers quarrellings, controversies, and fights in her parish.

133, 134, 135. Indictment of John Trayherne and others of Stanstead Abbott for altering a warrant for levying a rate for rebuilding the county gaol.

141. Indictment of Philip Champe *alias* Dugard, John Matthews, Edward Richardson and Stephen Jones of Bishop's Stortford for riot.

159. Indictment of William Clarke of the liberty of Brickendon in the parish of All Saints, Hertford, for erecting a house of office next the highway leading from Hertford to Brick Kiln Bridge in a public street called Castle Street.

170. Presentment that a footbridge in the highway at Ware Westmill in the parish of Bengeo is in decay and that the inhabitants of the parish of Bengeo ought to repair the same.

171. Presentment that the footway in the parish of Bengeo from Bengeo to Ware is in decay for the space of one pole in length and that it ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the parish of Bengeo.

173. Presentment that from a time whereof the memory of man runneth not there is a common stream or watercourse running from a certain place called Waredsmill in the parish of Standon to Warewestmill in the parish of Bengeo, next the lands of Roger Baker, William Clarke, — Smith, widow, William Lowen of Bengeo and Affabell Lawrance of Downfeild in the parish of Standon which river is obstructed with mud and rubbish for the length of 100 poles and ought to be amended by the above named persons.

178. Presentment of John Baraclough of Stevenage for working on a Sunday and not attending his parish church or any other church or chapel.

184-186. Presentments of persons for building cottages without four acres of land attached thereto, against the form of the statute.

187-8. Presentment of Joseph Turner and Robert Medly of Caddington for dividing one tenement into two to the great danger of the parishioners in the case of pestilence and disease.

199. Certificate that the highway in the parish of Little Munden from Dane End to Sacomb Pound in the parish of Sacomb and a stank in the said highway in the parish of Little Munden are in very good repair.

200. 15 July. Certificate tbat the bridge called Labden Hill Bridge, a common pump, and a highway from Little Munden to Ware called Boarne all in the parish of Standon are in very good repair.

204. 16 July. Certificate that John Doggett of Tewin, yeoman, swore four oaths, once—"By God he shot your dogs," on another occasion "God damme, you may kiss my wife."

Note. There is a large number of certificates and presentments for swearing profane oaths for which the delinquent paid one shilling an oath or in default of payment was set in the stocks.

BUNDLE FOR 1703.

4. 11 January. Writ for the arrest of, among others, John Bunian of Hitchin, labourer.

11. 31 March. Warrant to the keeper of the county gaol to receive Thomas Ingroom, Margaret his wife, Easter (*sic*) Joanes and Susan Wood, the heads of a gang of about 50 Gipsies travelling about telling fortunes and calling themselves Egyptians.

87 & 99. 19 July. Presentment of Samuel Pryer of Tewin, yeoman, for enclosing a piece of common meadow lying between the parishes of Hertingfordbury and Tewin called Knave's Acre containing by estimation two acres adjoining east to a common field called Neather Street, and west to a mead called Broadmeade in the occupation of John Rooding to the prejudice of the inhabitants of Tewin and Hertingfordbury.

88 & 102. Presentment that Kentish Lane in the parish of Hatfield is so bad that there is no passing through it a mile in length from Wild Hill to Mimms Common and that the inhabitants of Hatfield ought to repair it.

93. Presentment that the highway leading out of the common road from London to Ware commonly called Four Want Way to St. Margaret's is out of repair for half a mile, one side of which road is in the parish of St. Margaret and the other half is in the parish of Great Amwell and that the inhabitants of the parish of St. Margaret ought to repair one side of the road and the inhabitants of Great Amwell the other.

94. Presentment that the foot-bridge in the highway adjoining the land in the occupation of John Walthall of the parish of Ware Westmill on the north side of the said mill is ruinous and that John Walthall ought to repair the same.

106. Presentment that Thomas Thurgood of Baldock by reason of his tenure of a certain close at Baldock called Football Close, ought to repair and cleanse the ditch next the highway in the parish of Baldock, leading to Bygrave, for the length of three poles and more.

117. Certificate that Grubbs Bridge is repaired and Ickleford Bridge made new.

122. 4 October. Certificate that the watercourse in the parish of Sacomb from Dane End to Sacomb Pound is in good repair.

BUNDLE FOR 1704.

87. Indictment of Charles James, James James and Edward Howe of Bishops Hatfield for riot.

109. 10 January. Certificate that a common highway from Potters Green to Waredsmill called Bournway, a mile in length, is in good repair.

114. Certificate that the ways presented at Reed by Mr. Turner from the smith's shop to Pitty's Gate down the street to the lane leading to the church and from thence through the lane to the high road are in good repair.

116. 2 October. Certificate that the highway from the highway leading from Ware to London called the Four Want Way to and beyond the New River Bridge which lies in the parishes of St. Margaret and Great Amwell is in good repair (see 1703, No. 93).

BUNDLE FOR 1705.

82. 16 April. Presentment of William Clarke of Bengeo for enclosing part of a common field called Hackett Field and stopping up a common market path and mill path and a cartway to the damage of the neighbourhood.

88 & 105. 1 October. Presentment of the inhabitants of Welwyn for not railing in Hawkins Pond being very dangerous for travellers (see also 1706, No. 96).

91. Presentment that the stream running from Charleton in the parish of Hitchin to Portmill in the same parish which is traversed by a certain highway is obstructed (see also 1706, No. 93).

93. Presentment that William Charles of Bengeo obstructed a footpath in the common field called Hackett Field in the parish of Bengeo.

Note. "Quashed without fine."

103. Presentment of Robert Physick for ploughing up a common mill path (not described) at Munden.

107. Presentment of Henry Wait of Bishop's Hatfield for encroaching upon the highway at Bishop's Hatfield to St. Albans next a common field called Stockbeache by building an outhouse in the same road and enclosing two poles in length and one pole in width.

108-122. Various petitions against the surcharge of duty upon malt.

127. Certificate that the common highway or lane from the common fields in Reed to the Parsonage House in Reed and from thence to another common highway leading to Buckland containing in length about 90 poles, is in good repair.

BUNDLE FOR 1706.

55 & 78. Depositions of John Nicills of Bovingdon that on Sunday 3rd February Robert Crowfoot, clerk, William Bunn, John Axtell, Samuel Johnson of Bovingdon and John

Marryott, gentleman, of King's Langley, did, in the middle of the divine morning service, come into the church of Bovingdon in tumultous manner and went up to the reading desk where the said Robert Crowfoot demanded the desk of the minister then reading prayers by an order he said he had from the Bishop of Lincoln. The minister said—Let me see it and I will obey it. But the said Crowfoot refused to shew it and continued to make a disturbance.

56. Depositions of Elizabeth Straker that John Howard on Sunday in the afternoon, "about the time of the year when black cherries began to ripe," assaulted her.

58. Presentment of Henry Wait of Bishop's Hatfield for encroaching upon the highway leading from Hatfield to St. Albans by a common field called Stockbrache, a pole wide and two poles long, by building an outhouse.

81. Indictment of Elizabeth Battle and others of Ware for causing a riot and an obstruction in Kibes Lane.

89. Presentment of John Street of Hoddesdon in the parish of Broxbourn for placing sheep in a certain common field or meadow called Lammas Mead in the parish of Broxbourn (in which divers inhabitants of the aforesaid parish were accustomed to have common of pasture for their several beasts) before 1 November, contrary to custom.

92. Presentment that the bridge in the highway called Ware Valley leading from Hoddesdon to Ware is out of repair and ought to be repaired by Edward Sewell of Hoddesdon, maltster, by reason of his tenure of certain lands and tenements adjoining the aforesaid bridge.

95. 10 July. Certificate that the highway from the George Inn in Hatfield to a place called Batterdell containing 40 poles is in good repair.

104. 16 June. Letter from Dr. White Kennet (1) to Mr. John Marriott as to an agreement between Mr. Lomax and Mr. Crowfoot (see Nos. 55 & 78).

(1) The famous religious controversialist, afterwards Bishop of Peterborough.

BUNDLE FOR 1707.

30, 31, 32. January. Depositions touching a riot committed in the parishes of Great Amwell and Ware, assaulting the constable of Bishops Stortford and rescuing a prisoner.

36. Presentment that a common foot-bridge at Hoddesdon in Ware in the high road to Ware is out of repair and ought to be repaired by Edward Sewell by reason of his tenure of certain lands.

47. Indictment of William Andrews of Wormley for exercising the trade of a shoemaker without having been apprenticed for seven years.

51. Presentment that the highway called Mawndly Highway containing in length six poles in the parish of Hitchin between the lands of Sir Ralph Radcliffe and Thomas Surety and leading from Hitchin to Hexton is out of repair and the inhabitants of Hitchin ought to repair it (see also Bundle 1708, Nos. 56 & 91).

53. Presentment that the bridge called Poplare (?) Bridge in the highway from Welwyn to Hertford in the parish of Hertingfordbury is out of repair and that Nathaniel Grubb ought to repair the same by reason of his tenure of certain lands adjoining the said bridge (see Bundle 1708, No. 56).

55. 14 July. Petition that the dwellinghouse of Thomas Fallowfield, joiner, in Watton Street may be entered, licensed, and allowed as a public meeting house for the worship of God for the people called Quakers.

57. 8 January. Certificate that Thomas Steward of Luton was brought before the justices of the peace at Berkhampstead and being found able bodied and without any lawful calling was enlisted under Captain Alexander Ruthven in the royal regiment of foot-guards.

60. Certificate that the encroachment in the highway from Bishops Hatfield to St. Albans (see Bundle 1705, No. 107) is abated.

71. A bill for the county bridge in Buntingford.

BUNDLE FOR 1708.

21a. 12 July. Order made at the quarter sessions for the widening, by eight yards, of the highway from Ware to Waredesmill adjoining on the west side to a field called Greenhill in the parish of Ware and for the length of 25 poles, and for a jury to be empanelled to assess reasonable compensation not exceeding 25 years purchase (see No. 109).

68 & 74. 12 April. Presentment of Thomas Dikes of Great Amwell and Jonathan Bunkey of the same place for not repairing a common foot-bridge in Great Amwell between Amwell Common Marsh and Tinkers Mead leading from Ware to Stanstead which they ought to repair by reason of their tenure of the Tinkers Mead.

120. Bill for repairs to various bridges.

126. 14 June. Account for rebuilding Fore Bridge.

BUNDLE FOR 1709.

34. The case of a disputed poor rate at Bovingdon.

57. 21 November. Depositions touching the rescue of Thomas Browne from the constable at Little Amwell.

74. 3 October. Presentment of Mrs. Elizabeth Cecill of the parish of Tewin, widow, for entertaining scandalous and dangerous people to the great terror of the neighbourhood.

76. Presentment that the highway in Standon between Church Court Way and Slough Field Gate containing 400 yards in length is out of repair.

77. Presentment of John Adams of Widford for not keeping up the banks so that a lane called Water Lane in a highway leading from Hadham to Blackes Ware is not passable by reason of the water.

82. Presentment of John Herbert of Cottered, butcher, for obstructing the highway from Buntingford to Baldock by building thereon a barn.

83. Presentment that the same John obstructed a watercourse in the same highway thereby flooding the lands of John Exton and others in the parish of Cottered.

84. Indictment of Matthias Nixon for delivering a counterfeit note from John Eldridge chief constable of the hundred of Edwinstree to Valentine Lee chief constable of the same hundred and upon which the said Matthias received £2 12s. 6d.

Endorsed:—Ordered that the said Matthias be whipped on Tuesday 12 July 1709 at the public whipping post at Hertford and stand in the pillory at Hertford the Saturday following and at Royston the next Wednesday sevennight for two (*sic*) hours between 12 and 1.

87. 11 July. Presentment that the highway in Standon called Coney Court Way to a place called Slough Field Gate for a length of 400 yards is out of repair and that the inhabitants of Standon and Edward Elderton surveyor of the said parish ought to repair the same.

88. Presentment of Thomas Brown of Hertford Heath for having a casting net for taking fish, he not having an estate of the value of 100*l*.

BUNDLE FOR 1710.

108. 9 July. Presentment of a lime kiln lying in the parish of Little Amwell in the footpath and horse track leading from Hertford to Ware.

113. Presentment of William Sheeperd of Albury for not scouring a watercourse running by his ground leading from the highway at a place called the Warren Gate in Furneaux Pelham whereby the highway is almost impassable.

119. Presentment of Robert Hudson of Tewin for enclosing a portion of the waste belonging to the lord and tenants of the manor of Tewinbury at a place called Tewin Upper Green containing in length two poles and in width two poles.

122. Presentment that a portion of the highway in the parish of

Widford leading from Hadham to Blacknore (called Water Lane) containing in length 40 poles is in decay and ought to be repaired by Thomas Adams of Widford by reason of his tenure of certain lands and tenements next adjoining the said highway.

129. Presentment that Buntingford Bridge in the parish of Laystone is in decay and that the inhabitants in and throughout the whole county ought to repair the same.

131. Presentment that a watercourse in the parish of Widford between the land of John Mills and John Cock in a certain field called Great Westley Field is in decay and overflows its banks, and that John Cock possessor and occupier of certain lands there ought to cleanse the same.

132. 30 September. Petition of John Kilbey of Ickleford to have his house entered for a meeting house of worship for the people called Quakers. Signed by John Kilbe, Henry Hobbes, Daniel Sanders, Thomas Skegg and William Turner.

138. Certificate that the highway from Coney Court Way to Slowfield Gate containing 40 yards in the parish of Standon has been put in good repair by the inhabitants of Standon (see 1709, Nos. 76 and 78).

BUNDLE FOR 1711.

62, 68, 69. Presentment by Henry Bunyan, constable of Bengeo of Martha Clark of Chilson, widow, for digging up the "commoning" and carrying it away and for hedging and ditching up the ancient church footway from Chelson to Bengeo church in a road called Nether Street and for locking up the gate in time of commoning.

62 & 67. Presentment of the inhabitants of Sacomb for 100 poles of the road in Sacomb Lane being out of repair by reason of the ditches not being scoured.

74. Indictment of Henry Lamb of Bishop's Hatfield for speaking disrespectfully of the justices and saying I have done justice between parish and parish I don't care a T— God d—n them all. Fined 40s.

76. Presentment of George Hawkins of Harpenden for obstructing the highway in Harpenden at a place called Manland Common by ploughing and making a ditch upon the same.

BUNDLE FOR 1712.

44. Presentment of James Welch for erecting a cottage in Cappell Lane in the parish of Stanstead abutting on a way leading from Stanstead to Ware and not laying three acres of freehold land to the same.

45 & 52. Presentment of Elizabeth Pharaoh of Little Haddon for keeping a disorderly house tending to the debauching of youth and selling brandy and other spirits.

BUNDLE FOR 1713.

48. Order that 150*l.* more be raised on the county towards the repair of Nun's Bridge by the chief constable and paid to Mr. Plomer as the 150*l.* of last session.

77. Presentment that the highway leading from Broadwater to Welwyn Lane containing about 60 poles is out of repair and that the inhabitants of the parish of Knebworth ought to repair the same.

Presentment that the highway leading through a field called Standon Field in the parish of Hitchin containing about four score poles leading from a place called the Hollow Way to Ippolletts brook is out of repair and that the inhabitants of Hitchin ought to repair the same.

95. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Hitchin in the town of Hitchin leading from the gate of John Draper in Angell Street to Balle (?) Corner containing in length about 60 poles is in decay and that it ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the said parish.

96. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Harding leading from the town of Harding to the town of Redbourn containing in length 60 perches is in decay and that it ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the said parish.

98. Presentment that the highway leading into and across the common field called Standon Field in the parish of Hitchin from a place called le Holloway in the said parish to Ippolletts brook is in decay and that Thomas Coulston of the parish of Hitchin, ironmonger, and other the inhabitants of the said parish ought to repair the same.

99. Presentment that the common way in the parish of Knebworth leading from a place called Broadwater to Welwyn Lane for the length of 60 poles is in decay and that William Deardes of the parish of Knebworth, butcher, and other the inhabitants ought to repair the same.

100. Presentment that the bank (*fensur*) lying towards Essendon River and the meadow called Highmead in the parish of Essendon containing in length 30 poles is in decay so that the river overflows the banks and that Daniel Squire of Hatfield ought to repair the same by reason of his tenure of a meadow there called Outfield.

101. Petition by the parishioners of Farnham in the county of Essex to the justices of the peace praying them to order the surveyors of the highways of Albury to amend the highways which are not passable, notwithstanding the season of the year, for several poles together in their said parish of Albury "leading from our said parish of Farnham to the parish of Hadham Parva it being the public and direct road for the carrying out our corn to Hertford and Ware markets and having very often from year to year given them notice to mend the same but still finding they neglect to do it obliges us to give you this trouble."

112. 11 July. Certificate that the inhabitants of Stevenage have repaired the highway leading from Stevenage to Fisher's Green in the same parish.

113. 11 July. Certificate that the inhabitants of Knebworth have repaired the highway leading from Broadwater to Stevenage.

115. 13 July. Certificate that the town of Hitchin have repaired the highway leading from Ippolett's brook to the town of Hitchin.

130. 26 December. Certificate by Thomas Rankin, Geoffrey Marsh, Thomas Hyde, William Shirgell, Thomas Giner, John Littell, Henry Bride and Joseph Phillip, a company of Protestant dissenters called Independents intend to meet for religious worship at the house of James Linsell called Chandlery in the parish of Sawbridgeworth.

142. 11 July. Letter from Fra. Flyer to Ralph Willymott at Hertford.—"The smallpox being so much at Hertford, several persons in my neighbourhood who are very much afraid of the distemper, not one of them or any in their families ever having had it, have desired me to use my interest to have them excused from their attendance at the sessions next Monday." Ordered that they be all discharged.

143. 12 July. Letter from Robert Chester to Bostock Toller, clerk of the peace. "I am importuned by Nathaniel Kimpton of "Barkway and Nathaniel King of Barley, who are both very "fearful of the small-pox, to get them excused from their "attendance at Hertford whither they are summoned to "appear."

145. 13 July. Throcking. Letter from Robert Eaves, junior, to Bostock Toller. "The small-pox being very much in the "town and Mr. Daniel Etheridge of Layston being upon the "jury, he has desired me to get him excused."

157. 10 April. Samuel Peet, senior, of Gravely desires to get his barn entered at the next sessions for a meeting place for the worship of God for the people called Quakers. Witnesses—Sam. Peete, Rob. Kimpton, John Willymott, John Gray, ——— Morris.

BUNDLE FOR 1714.

16. 10 July. Order that John Plumer and others view and make an estimate for repairing High Bridge in the parish of Sawbridgeworth in the county of Hertford, a county bridge within this county which has usually been and ought to be repaired, amended, and built by the said county.

17. 10 July. Order that Ralph Freeman and others view and make an estimate for the repair of New Bridge in the parish of ——— and Standon Bridge in the parish of Standon in the county of Hertford, both of them county bridges, which have usually been and ought to be repaired, amended, and built by the said county.

72. 11 January. Presentment of Nathaniel Kimton for making a ditch in the Lord's waste near a highway leading from Pympway Towne to Tramse (?) and draining a pond called Churchpond.

76. 5 April. Presentment that a footbridge lying in Hugh Mead in the parish of Great Hormead, being the footpath leading from Hare Street in the said parish to Hormead church is out of repair and that Thomas Turner, Esquire, owner of Hugh Mead, ought to repair the same.

78. Presentment that every person who from time to time occupied or now occupies any lands in the common field called Kilsmore and Bruckfield in the parish of Cheshunt by right and custom ought to repair the hedges and fences of the same field adjoining the lands of every such occupier as often as it should be necessary when the said field was sown with corn. The jurors further say that the said field is now sown with corn and that Daniel Dodson of Cheshunt, gentleman, being occupier of land in the same field on 1 April, 1714, did not repair the hedges and fences adjoining the same field adjoining his land containing in length 12 poles.

99. 8 April. Certificate that a certain highway in the town of Hitchin leading from the river towards Sir Ralph Radcliffe's gates has been repaired by the inhabitants of the said town.

100. 9 July. Certificate that the highway in the parish of Harding leading from the village of Harding to Redbourne containing in length 60 poles has been repaired by the inhabitants of the said parish.

101. 10 July. Certificate that High Bridge in the parish of Sawbridgeworth is in a ruinous condition and an estimate for rebuilding the same.

164. 4 October. The address of the justices of the peace to the King.—Most Gracious Sovereign. We beg leave to congratulate your Majesty's happy accession to the crown of these realms and safe arrival among us under whose auspicious reign we assure ourselves of being a happy people, your Majesty having by your royal declaration assured your people of maintaining their laws religion and liberties. We shall endeavour to the utmost of our power to make your reign easy and may God Almighty make it long and prosperous.

BUNDLE FOR 1715.

39. 26 October. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Hale of Stevenage, charged with burning the park pales of John Boteler.

47. 10 December. Depositions of George Priest of Ashwel, a Quaker. That he being in a room in the Royal Oak in Ashwel, drinking with others, heard John Langthorne drink a health to the Pretender by the name of King James the Third, but he believes that at the time the said John Langthorne, and most of those in his company were greatly in drink.

48. 14 December. Depositions of the said John Langthorne denying the charge.

53. Indictment of James Harris of Hempsford, husbandman, for erecting a cottage at Feldon in the parish of Bovindon without laying four acres thereto.

54. Indictment of William Linnell of Bovingdon, for the like offence.

56. Presentment that the highway at Bengeo, leading from the town of Bengeo to a place called Stony Hill in the said parish is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Bengeo ought to repair the same.

57. Presentment that the highway at Sacombe leading from a place called Stony Hill to the Parish of Little Mundon is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Sacombe ought to repair the same.

61. Indictment of John Stout of the parish of S^t. Andrew, Hertford, for breaking and carrying away a wooden bridge in the parish of S^t. Andrew, Hertford, at a place there called

Bell Sanger Ware House, in the common footway leading from the parish of Hertingfordbury to the parish of Brandfield.

63. Indictment of Elizabeth Draper, widow of Benjamin Draper, late of the parish of Hitchin, for throwing dirt and dung in a certain watercourse in the said parish running by the house of Thomas Browne, and by the common highway called Deade Street, and obstructing the same with pales whereby it inundated the courtyard and house of the said Thomas Browne.

64. 1 January. Certificate by W. Watts, S. Robinson, and R. Woollaston, justices of the peace, that the accounts of Thomas Staines of Cheshunt, relating to the repair of Nun's Bridge, a County bridge, and the causeway at both ends thereof, are correct.

95. 30 March. Certificate that the highway in Sacombe called Sacombe Lane, containing in length 100 poles, for which the inhabitants of Sacombe stand indicted for not repairing, has been repaired.

128. A bill of the repairs of the County bridge in Buntingford.

129. Memorandum that Mr. Savell be allowed 140*li.*, with the old materials of New Bridge, to rebuild New Bridge and sufficiently repair Standon Horse Bridge.

BUNDLE FOR 1716.

50. 3 September. Recognizance of Benjamin Walls of Bengeo, gentleman, to prosecute John Wathall of Bengeo, for uttering scandalous words against King George, viz.:—"That His Sacred Majesty King George was a dammed Cuckolly rogue and dog, and that he could prove it, and that he the King had banished his wife for making him a cuckold."

51 & 62. 3 September. Recognizance for the appearance of the said John Wathall. In the second recognizance he is called John Walthall.

72. 18 February. Depositions concerning a highway robbery

upon Thomas Chapman of Ashwell, in the parish of Bennington.

74. 6 April. Depositions of John Hill of the parish of Digswell, blacksmith. That on 24 March he was assaulted on the highway leading from Barnet to Hatfield at or near a place called Bellbarr, between the hours of 12 and 1, by three men on horseback who robbed him of 3*li.* 9*s.* 4¼*d.*

78. Indictment of Stephen Grove, the elder of the parish of Stortford, butcher, for exposing and selling unwholesome meat.

85. Indictment of John Bowman of Royston, labourer, and Susanna, his wife, for stealing one pound of currants, one pound of raisins, one pound of figs, one pound of prunes, and one pound of tobacco, of the value of 10*s.*, the goods of William Scruby.

86. Indictment of John Thompson of Ayott Parva, for assaulting Thomas Pursey in a common footway in Ayott Parva, leading from St Albans to Welwyn.

92. 7 January. A report by Sir Thomas Clarke and others as to the condition of the prison at Hertford.

94. 9 April. Certificate that the highway in the parish of Sacombe, for which the inhabitants of Sacombe stand indicted for not repairing, has been repaired.

98. 9 April. Certificate by Barnabas Parker and Thomas Law, witnessed by James Gatward, that a congregation of Protestant dissenters intend to meet for religious worship at the house of Elizabeth Parker, widow, in the parish of Barly.

106. 29 October. Certificate by Samuel Noyes, William Gore, and John Essington, justices of the peace, that they have viewed the accounts of Henry King, and that there is due to him 7*li.* 13*s.* 10*d.* besides 2*li.* 10*s.* which he has expended in pressing and hiring of horses and carriages and sending of messengers in conveying the prisoners, who came from Preston, from St. Alban's to Barnet on their way to London.

109. Account of Henry King, one of the chief constables of the hundred of Dacorum containing the item for the conveyance of the said prisoners.

113. Account of John Sewell for repairing Wadesmill Bridge, New Bridge, For Bridge and Standon Bridge, and new building, New Bridge, and Standon Bridge, and for the new cut in the river and the damage done at the great flood at New Bridge on 9 August, 1716.

141. 8 January. Letter from R. Hutchinson to Francis Floyer or Robert Fletcher or in their absence to the Justices of the Peace.

The bearer hereof is the witness that was before Mr. Goulston; his name is George Preist. Another is come with him whose name is Edward Love. They both can take oath that they heard the person bound over drink a health to King James the Third, and that upon my going to caution him against drinking such healths he told me he did drink it and would drink it again; upon which I told him he was a rascal and he told me no more rascal than myself, and several other such like expressions. The morning he came from before the justices he said he was not such a poor pitiful rogue as I could send him to gaol. I desire this may be called first.

BUNDLE FOR 1717.

23. 17 June. Recognizance of William Brotherstone of Sacombe, gardener, Richard Ryley of the same gardener, and Richard Bridgman of the town of Hertford, gardener, for the appearance of the said William Brotherstone to answer for coming with a great multitude of other persons on 29 May last to Watton in a riotous manner with green boughs on their hats and horns on their heads and with flags.

41. Presentment that the highway in the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, leading from a water mill called le Seale Mill to a certain place called Mapletofthill is in decay and that the inhabitants of St. Andrew's ought to repair the same.

68. Certificate that the dwelling house of Jonathan Smart in Cordwainer Street otherwise the Maiden Head otherwise the Glove and Dolphin Street, in the parish of St Andrew, Hertford, situate between the Maiden Inn and the house of James Gatwood, draper, is intended to be used for the worship of God for Protestant dissenters.

BUNDLE FOR 1718.

9. 21 April. Order that certain Justices of the Peace be desired to view Buntingford Bridge in the parish of Laystone, a County bridge, and estimate the cost of repairing the same.
Certificate that the said bridge is too much decayed to be repaired and that one large brick arch will be sufficient to carry off the water which will be much less expensive than rebuilding it with timber.

12. 14 July. Further order as to the above.

32. 2 October. Recognizance for the appearance of George Bozier and others to prosecute Robert Heath and William Blake for selling unwholesome meat. See also No. 33.

41. 20 April. Presentment of the Proprietors of the New River leading from Chalden Head to London for not railing or otherwise fencing in between the said New River and the common road leading from the Limekiln Hill in the road between Hertford and Ware.

42. Indictment of Thomas Harvey of Weston for selling unwholesome meat.

44. Indictment of John Ringsall the younger of the parish of Great Gaddesden for receiving under tenants to the common nuisance.

45. Indictment of John Ironmonger of Great Gaddesden for the like offence.

47. Indictment of William Haynes of the parish of Hitchin, owner of a water corn mill called Port Mill at Hitchin for obstructing the water running to the said mill and causing it to overflow into the highway.

48. Indictment of John Knight of Great Gaddesden, yeoman, for converting a tenement there into two tenements for the occupation of under tenants.

49. Indictment of Mavin Bowles of Great Gaddesden for the like offence.

54. Indictment of William Blake of Boston in the county of Lincoln, salesman, for selling unwholesome meat at Stevenage.

55. Presentment that the New River running from Chalton Head to London near the highway leading from Limekiln Hill in the highway between Hertford and Ware in the parish of Amwell is dangerous to the liege subjects of the King travelling there and that the Proprietors of the New River ought to fence in the same.

56. Presentment that the common foot bridge in the parish of Bengeo leading from Broadoake End otherwise Halls att Thompsons to the parish church of Bengeo is ruinous and broken so that the inhabitants are unable to cross to the parish church and that the inhabitants of Bengeo ought to repair the same.

63. 21 April. Certificate by certain Justices of the Peace that they have inspected the defects of High Bridge which is an ancient County bridge lying partly in Theobald Street hamlet and partly in Aldenham parish within the Liberty of St. Alban's and ought to be kept in repair at the joint charge of the inhabitants of the county and the Liberty of St. Alban's.

BUNDLE FOR 1719.

14. 6 April. Furthers order as to the repair of Buntingford Bridge.

33. 5 October. Order reciting that divers frauds and abuses have been committed by several of the petty constables and headboroughs in this county under pretence of extraordinary charges in lodging relieving and conveying vagrants with passes. Now for preventing such abuses for the future it is

ordered that the said petty constables and headboroughs shall hereafter be allowed the rates following, viz.: for the lodging and relief of every single person for one night, 4*d*,; for a man and wife or two men or two women together, 6*d*., and 2*d*., apiece for their children; but if the said persons be not lodged but passed away the same day the petty constables and headboroughs shall be allowed half those rates, except on extraordinary occasions to be allowed by a justice of the peace; for every horse on which they shall convey such vagrants, 3*d*. a mile, and for every cart with two horses and a driver 6d. a mile; to them more for their own labour for every day they shall need to be out conveying the said vagrants, 18d. but if they send other men to guard or guide them, 12*d*. Also that the constables of no mid-places or places within this county (besides Ware and Welwyn) shall for the future relieve or entertain such vagrants coming with passes from other counties, as of late they have done, except in cases of absolute necessity.

63. Presentment of the inhabitants of Bishop's Stortford for not repairing a well that lies open and is very dangerous, lying near Bishop's Stortford.

64. Presentment that the bridge lying in the hamlet of Theobald's Street and the parish of Aldenham called High Bridge is ruinous and broken and that the inhabitants of Theobald Street ought to repair that half the bridge lying in the hamlet of Theobald Street.

65. Indictment of William Thorogood of the parish of Ware for breaking a fish trunk (*truncus*) in the river Lee and taking four eels therefrom.

66. Indictment of the said William for taking twenty fish called "cray fish."

67. Indictment of the said William for taking twenty gudgeon.

68. Indictment of William Battle of Ware for taking 20 eels from a fish trunk in the Lee.

69. Indictment of the same William for taking twenty crayfish six tench, twenty trout, four carp and twenty eels from the said trunk.

74. Indictment of Thomas Papworth of Hitchin for turning a stream running near Water Lane in the highway at Hitchin from its usual course.

77. 7 July. Petition by Philip Vande Wall, Zach. Wallis, Tho. Hill, and Joseph Vande Wall to the Justices of the Peace, praying them to certify a house with a tenement adjoining being newly erected on a piece of land situate on the backside of the Bell Inn in Hemel Hempstead, as a meeting house for the people called Quakers.

88. Certificate by John Boreham, Joseph Hide, John Bennett, John Bridley, James Craford, William Ridley, James Madall, John Clarke, and Isaac Roofe, that a congregation of Protestant dissenters intend to meet for religious worship at the house of John Boreham, situate at St. Margaret's, in the County of Hertford.

BUNDLE FOR 1720.

13. 22 April. Certificate by certain Justices of the Peace that they have viewed High Bridge in the parish of Aldenham in the highway leading from St. Alban's to London and find the same much out of repair. That the cart route on the west side of the adjoining highway lies in the Liberty of St. Alban's, and the cart route on the east side lies in the County of Hertford. That the said bridge stands several yards to the eastward of the last mentioned cart route and consequently is wholly in the County of Hertford but in regard it is to the advantage of the whole highway they are of opinion it ought to be repaired at the joint expense of the County and Liberty.

60. 20 October. Recognizance for the appearance of Robert Wright, of Cottered, tailor, to answer what shall be objected against him by Joseph Hammond and John Herbert touching the said Wright having done them visible and apparent wrong in duplicating the window tax after it had been signed by two Justices of the Peace.

67. 3 October. Presentment that Cheshunt Wash is out of repair and that the parishioners of Cheshunt ought to repair the same.

68. Indictment of William Mays, of the parish of Baldock, baker, for selling a half peck loaf under the assize.

69. Indictment of the same for selling a four quartern and one peck loaf under the assize.

75. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Cheshunt called Cheshunt Wash lying and abutting upon a certain bridge and way there called Nun's Bridge and Causeway is in decay and that the inhabitants of Cheshunt ought to repair the same.

76. Indictment of John Owen, of Hemel Hempstead, schoolmaster, for keeping a private school for boys without being licensed by the archbishop, bishop, or spiritual guardian of the diocese.

Similar indictment in the following year, N° 22. The indictment is marked—"Tried at the Midsummer Sessions, 1721, and found not guilty."

109. 22 April. Memorandum that it was agreed, on this date, between the parishes of Layston, Throcking, and Aspeden, that the parish of Layston should mend the high road on both sides, from the above date (except what lies in the parish of Widdiall) from the post that is newly set up (by the agreement of the said parishes) in the road against Corney Bury as far as both the said parishes were to mend and as far as their bounds went towards Puckeridge. And on the other side of the said post towards Buckland the said parish of Throcking was to mend the high road as far as the bounds of both parishes (viz., Layston and Throcking) extended that way.

It was agreed upon at the same time that the parish of Throcking should have the liberty of picking and gathering stones for the service of the high road aforesaid in Spurrs Field in the parish of Layston and upon the Ten Acred Piece called Topshall Corner near Capon's Wood.

At the same time the inhabitants of Aspeden agreed with the inhabitants of Layston to mend all the road from the post that stands upon Windmill Hill in the parish of Aspeden as far as the road goes to the parish of Westmill.

And that Layston inhabitants are to mend all the road belonging to Aspeden northward from the abovesaid post to the post that parts the parishes of Throcking and Layston.

Marked :—Ordered that this agreement be confirmed at this session.

110. 5 July. Petition by John Halsey, Philip Vande Wall, Zach. Wallis, Joseph Vande Wall, and John Owen, Quakers, that the malthouse and dwelling house of the said John Halsey may be certified as a meeting house for Quakers. (See 1719, N°. 77.)

BUNDLE FOR 1721.

24. Indictment of John Hill, of Hemel Hempstead, mealman, for carrying on the office of a badger, loader, kidder, carrier, and buyer of corn and grain, without licence.

25. Indictment of Joseph Jelsey, of Hemel Hempstead, for the like.

26. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Tharfield containing in length half a pace from the lane in the said parish leading to Reed End in the parish of Buckland is in decay and that it ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Tharfield.

29. Indictment of Elizabeth Hood, widow, of the parish of Stevenage, for exercising the trade of a baker without having been apprenticed for seven years.

30. Indictment of Thomas Hudle, of Stevenage, for the like offence.

BUNDLE FOR 1722.

3. 2 April. Certificate by John Cook, Robert Cornthwaite, Jonathan Weimer, Robert Nickols, Thomas Sexton, and Edward Buing, being members of an assembly or society of dissenting protestants called Baptists, that they have appointed a house newly erected standing upon the ground of Susannah Topping and Benjamin Morley, in or near the town of Barkhampstead St. Peter's, for the exercise of religious worship.

24. 29 September. Presentment of William Wacket for not scouring his ditch in the way between Goffs Lane and Hammon Street in the parish of Cheshunt.

25. Presentment of the Proprietors of the New River for not setting posts and rails on that side of the said river next the King's highway leading from Amwell to the Limekiln between Ware and Hertford which also wants "worfing" and is very dangerous, some men being lately drowned and wagons, carts, and horses often falling into the said river.

26. Indictment of Edward Spurr, of Tewin, for exercising the trade of a baker without having been apprenticed for seven years.

38. Certificate that the outhouses of John Serridge were burnt out on the night of 19 March, 1721-2, causing damage to the amount of 94*li.* 3*s.*

Marked:—"Ordered a licence to begg for the sum of 94*li.* 3*s.*"

BUNDLE FOR 1723.

6a. 2 April. Order for the inspection of part of the Great Northern Road leading from Buntingford to Royston beginning at a place called Buckland Towns End and ending at a place called Read Mill which is very often out of repair but the order is not intended to hinder the inhabitants of the parishes of Tharfield and Read in which the said road lies from doing their duties therein in the meantime.

35. Indictment of Joseph Osman, of Caddington, yeoman, for converting a tenement in Caddington into two several tenements, and letting them to several under-tenants with their families, to the great danger of infecting the King's subjects with the pestilence and other contagious diseases.

37. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Cheshunt called Cheshunt Wash, lying and abutting upon a bridge and way there called Nuns Bridge and Causeway, for the whole length of the said bridge and way, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Cheshunt ought to repair the same.

13 July. Certificate that the above defects have been repaired.

40. Indictment of Joseph Hooker, labourer, Joseph Osman, carpenter, and John White, shoemaker, and George Phelp, labourer, all of Caddington, for dividing certain tenements for the habitation of sub-tenants with their families.

BUNDLE FOR 1724.

46. 11 March. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Lord, to answer for snaring hares in the woods of Moses Raper, Esq.

66. 12 September. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Colingborn, of Hatfield, to answer for pulling down the park pales of the Earl of Salisbury.

78. December. Recognizance for the appearance of John Watson of Totteridge, architect, to answer for unlawfully pulling the tiles from part of Philip Hale's house at Totteridge by night, and assaulting the said Philip and his wife by throwing the said tiles at them.

79. 16 December. Recognizance for the appearance of Richard Dagley, of Totteridge, architect, for the like offence.

102. Indictment of Henry Staker, of Harpenden, brickmaker, for digging holes in the common, called Harpenden Common, in the highway there.

136a. Certificate by Matthew Barnard, Thomas Green, James Judd, John Mumford, John Jude, William Wright, Daniel Danell, and William Fordham, a company of Protestant dissenters, that they intend to meet for religious worship at the house of Elizabeth Barnet, widow, at Brent Pelham.

145. 14 August. Gaol calendar. Francis Marionell committed for marrying a second wife, the first being alive.

BUNDLE FOR 1725.

35, 36, 37, & 50. Recognizance of Thomas Kennell, of Shenley,

and others, for their appearance to answer for throwing down several gates from their hinges, belonging to Thomas Wotton and Isaac Dogget, in Shenley, at night time.

127. 11 January. Presentment that the highway leading from Hertford, in the parish of St Andrew in Hertford, to the town of Hertingfordbury, is out of repair and that the ditches want scouring.

128. 11 January. Presentment that the highway leading from Panshanger, in the parish of St Andrew, Hertford, to the town of Hertford, is out of repair, and that the hedges adjoining the said highway in divers places are overgrown beyond their due bounds and that the ditches want scouring.

130. 5 April. Presentment that there is a fence in the parish of Cheshunt, containing about 80 poles, between a place called the Marsh, and the Lammas Meads called the New Innings, and presentment of Samuel Hall, Thomas Robinson, Esquire, William Tyler, Thomas Ellis, and Mosse Widow, of Cheshunt who now occupy the same lands, for not scouring and cleansing and keeping up the fence.

132. Presentment that a road in the Parish of Hitchin, leading from the river in the said parish up the Hollow Waye to the windmill in the said parish, is out of repair.

136. Indictment of Thomas Dugard, of Sawbridgeworth, butcher, for erecting a wooden shed upon the highway for foot-passengers, and enclosing and encroaching upon part of the said highway, containing in length 10 feet and in breadth 8 feet.

140. Indictment of Edward Adams, husbandman; Thomas Gray, tailor; Thomas Kennell, labourer; and John Gyatt, labourer; all of Shenley, for breaking the gates from the close of Thomas Watton, at Shenley, called Great Onions and Ewtree Grove, and throwing them in the pond at Shenley.

148. Presentment that the highway at Hitchin, leading from the river at Hitchin to a place called the Windmill, in the said parish, is in decay through the default of John Draper, and other inhabitants of Hitchin.

152. 10 June. Certificate by Valentine Beldam the younger, James Turner, Stephen Hawk, Simon Brown, Stephen Hagger, James Hagger, John Bird, William Bird, John Smith, Seth Pitty, Edward Gaylor, William Bedford, and John Nicholls, Protestant Dissenters, in and about Nuthampstead, in the parish of Barkway, that they intend to use the house of Edward Gaylor, of Nuthampstead, cordwainer, for a place of public worship.

153. Certificate by the above that they intend to use the house of William Waters, of Barley, husbandman, for a like purpose.

189. Certificate by the inhabitants of the town of Much Hadham that they are willing that the Rev. Mr. Stanley should give leave to Richard Want to build himself a house upon the waste ground which belongs to the said Mr. Stanley's manor. See also No. 185.

BUNDLE FOR 1726.

43. 30 April. Recognizance of Robert Topham and Samuel Craven and Edward Fitzgerald, Esquires, of Wormley, for the appearance of the said Robert and Samuel to answer for their riotous assembling with black and disguised faces.

44. 30 April. Like recognizance of Edward Hudson, William Cook, and John Chandler, of Wormley.

47. 11 June. Recognizance for the appearance of Henry Elliott the elder, of Weston, yeoman, to answer for having encouraged his son Henry to desert from his master's service.

80. 18 April. Presentment of William Haines, of the Parish of Hitchin, miller, for damaging the highway by flowing and penning the water of the river there into the said highway.

103. 7 April. Petition by Joseph Rawton, John Sparks, Edward Cardell, Thomas Plumer, and Edward Boreham, that a house in Cosbrook Street, in the parish of Cheshunt, may be registered for the worship of God for the people called Quakers.

106. 18 April. Certificate that the highway leading from Hertford in the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, to Hertingfordbury, is repaired.

108 18 April. Certificate by John Edridge, Peter Panett, John Bray, Zec. Nicholls, John Cannon, Peter Coote, Thomas Maden, and Richard Hoye, Protestant Dissenters called Independents, that they intend to meet for religious worship at the house of James Lindsell, called Covies' House, now in the tenure of John Adams, in the parish of Sawbridgeworth.

113. 30 September. Certificate that the highway leading from the river in the parish of Hitchin up the Hollowwaye to the windmill in the said parish, is now repaired.

123. 26 December. Certificate by Will Brittin, John Cooke, Jonathan Hamstafe, Richard Morton, William Cook, George Rose, John Pratt and Robert Briden protestant dissenters of the Baptist persuasion that they intend to meet for religious worship at the dwellinghouse of George Rose in Gadsden Row in the parish of Great Gadsden.

124. 26 December. Certificate by the same and William Rogers and William Grover that they intend to use the house of John Pett situate in Albury for the like purpose.

133. Gaol calendar, John Bickerton committed on 2 July charged by his master Mr. Hooper with being a disorderly servant lying out of his house at nights and leaving his service without his consent.

144. 2 October. Letter from Richard Goulston to the Clerk of the Peace that the inhabitants of Layston have repaired their part of the lane leading from Sandon to the Great Market Road.

BUNDLE FOR 1727.

23. 5 October. Information by George Langley of the parish of North Mims, that about 12 or 1 o'clock at night between the 22nd and 23rd of July last upon going into his warren

called Colney Heath in North Mimms to look to his nets which he set there for catching conies he found one William Tannett with another person unknown to him armed with guns near his nets.

24. Indictment of the said William Tannett for trespassing upon the said warren.

27. Indictment of Henry Wester of Hampstead, in the county of Middlesex, baker, and Joseph Chappell of Tring, glover, for falsely accusing Henry Geary of Dunsley in the parish of Tring, yeoman, of felony.

30. 30 September. Certificate that the lanes lying in the parishes of Layston, Throcking, and Buckland, which stand indicted by the parishioners of Sandon for being out of repair, are now repaired.

BUNDLE FOR 1728.

23. 24 April. Long list of persons licensed to sell ale, brandy, distilled liquors, bread, victuals, beer, and other exciseable liquors in the hundreds of Odsey and Edwinstree.

32[a] 16 September. Recognizance for the appearance of Sam. Slader of Bovingdon, gentleman, deputy constable of Bovingdon, to answer for assaulting Evan Price, clerk, curate of Bovingdon, and interrupting him in the execution of his office in burying the corpse of Martha Brown of Bovingdon.

33, 34, 35. 16 September. Recognizance for the appearance of Henry Newman of Bovingdon, husbandman, John Smith, yeoman, and John Pratt, husbandman, all of Bovingdon for the like offence.

48[a] 8 January. Presentment that the highway leading from the farther end of the town of Hertford in the parish of S[t] Andrew, Hertford, towards the parish of Hertingfordbury, containing in length about one mile, is out of repair.

49. 26 April. Notice by E. Hughes to move the court at the next sessions to get discharged the indictment against the

highways in the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, leading from the town of Hertford to Hertingfordbury, the inhabitants having promised to repair the same.

50. Indictment of James Bigrave of Standon, labourer, for erecting a cottage without laying four acres thereto.

58. Indictment of Isaac Penn of Stevenage, labourer, Edward Phillips of the same, labourer, and Edward Titmus of Knebworth, yeoman, for taking 100 carp and 100 tench with nets and other engines from a pond in a certain place called the Penn Field in the parish of Stevenage, being the free tenement of William Robinson Lytton, Esquire,

59. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Hertingfordbury, leading from a place called Burchell's Gate in the said parish to a place called Cole Green in the said parish containing in length 160 poles, is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the said parish ought to repair the same.

63, 67, 69. Presentment of William Robinson of Royston, victualler, for making a channel in the highway from his house in which the drainage from his house was carried away.

64. Indictment of Evan Price of Berkhampstead, clerk, Thomas Bavin, farmer, John Reeve, carpenter, and Thomas Reeve, husbandman, of Bovingdon, for assaulting Samuel Slader and Humphry Puddifoot in the churchyard of Bovingdon.

65. Presentment that part of the highway in the parish of Widford, leading from Widford to the common called Great Westney, containing in length 50 perches is in decay and that William Adams, William Odwell, John Rayment, and George Martin of Widford, yeoman, ought to repair the same by reason of the tenure of their lands and tenements there.

67. Indictment of Samuel Slader, gentleman, John Smith, yeoman, John Pratt, husbandman, and Henry Newman, labourer, for assaulting Evan Price, clerk, curate or chaplain of the parish church or chapel of Bovingdon in the parish of Hemel Hempstead in the churchyard there and interrupting him in burying the body of Martha Brown, spinster, deceased. Found guilty and fined.

70. Indictment of Charles Cole, Esq., Wm. Arrowsmith, yeoman, John Arrowsmith, yeoman, Thomas Daives otherwise Black Tom, yeoman, John Matthews, yeoman, and John Philbay, yeoman, all of St. Albans, for cutting down and carrying away certain elm trees of 50 years growth and more in the parish of St. Peter in the town of St. Alban in the close of Joseph Gardiner,

73. Memorandum to indict Henry Staker for digging up the common in the parish or hamlet of Harpenden and making several encroachments thereon. He has several chalk and clay pits for making bricks and has not enclosed them so that they are very dangerous lying near the great road between London and Bedford; but he has enclosed several acres of land out of the common which he keeps enclosed for pasture, and he has so enclosed his ground that he hinders the owners of the lands adjoining to the said common from passing to and from their said lands. The common is called Harpenden Common, otherwise Balmwell Wood.

102. 15 July. Certificate that the dwellinghouse of John Saunders, minister of the Gospel, now living in the parish of St. John, Hertford, is intended to be used for the exercise of religious worship by Protestant dissenters.

111. Account of charges incurred for Mary Webb a prisoner, for doctor's fees. For the prisoner's convulsions, fits, &c.; for a woman to lie with her to warn when the fits were coming on; to the doctor for bleeding her in her foot; sending her away in accordance with an order of the Justices to her father "with a lock on her leg." Attending her when her father turned her and her child out of doors, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1729.

5. 13 March. Warrant to the keeper of the County goal to keep in custody Edward Lowen, of Broxbourne, till he find sureties for his appearance to answer for breaking the windows and earthenware of Anne Sutton and chopping up her spinning wheels.

76. Depositions of John Saban, of St. John's Hertford, that John Dew claims to be married to deponent's wife and as to the refusal of the Mayor to grant a warrant against the said Dew for assault.

83. Presentment that the foot bridge in the parish of Broxbourne at a place called Stanstead Valley leading from Hoddesdon to Stanstead is in decay and that the inhabitants of the parish of Broxbourne ought to repair the same.

87. Indictment of Thomas Reeve, of Bovingdon, in the parish of Hemel Hempstead for throwing dung and rubbish on the highway there.

90. Indictment of John Carter one of the constables of St. Alban's for not executing a warrant for the quartering of officers and soldiers at St. Alban's.

107. A bill of expense for the smallpox at the County gaol of Hertford.

122. 9 September. Bath.—Letter from E. Hughes to Bostock Toller, Clerk of the Peace of Hertford: I trouble you with the enclosed as I shall not be present at the next quarter sessions at Hertford. John Dew's affair was entered upon last sessions; he was a profligate fellow and I hope the bench will punish him.

Postscript. "I hope you will excuse the roughness of the papers, my hurry to come here caused it, and these waters makes me giddy to write."

123. 5 October. Tring.—Letter from William Lake to Bostock Toller, asking him to send a licence for Daniel Barton, junior, to be a tranter.*

126. Memorandum to indict a meeting house for the Quakers now built near Kilne's Lane in the parish of Ware.

127. List of fees usually taken by John Oxinton keeper of the County gaol.

At the coming of any prisoner into the gaol it has been a custom for the old prisoners to demand and have garnish

* Tranter—a carrier. Halliwell's Dictionary.

money of him which amounts to 4*s.* 6*d.* and is spent in drink.

For every prisoner the said keeper provides bed, bedding, &c., for which he expects 4*d.* a night but is seldom paid anything.

At the discharge of every prisoner, 13*s.* 4*d.*

128. Note. "The name of the house is called Durance in the parish of Northchurch in the possession of Anne Partridge for the people called Baptists."

130. Elevation and details of a proposed new bridge, name of place not given.

BUNDLE FOR 1730.

29. October. Depositions of William Cannon of Barley: That on 21 October he was assaulted at Lebden Hill Bottom in Standon parish by a person unknown to him who put a pistol to his head and told him he would shoot him if he did not deliver his money and the deponent being in fear of his life handed to him 4*li.* 17*s.*

31. Presentment that the bridge called Cow Bridge in the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, is in decay and that the inhabitants of the said parish ought to repair the same.

32. 6 April. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Bengeo leading from a place called Porthill in the parish of Bengeo to Cow bridge in the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, containing in length 20 perches, and in width one pole, is in decay and that the inhabitants of the parish of Bengeo ought to repair the same.

Marked: Found guilty at Michaelmas Sessions, 1730.

33 & 34. 6 April. Presentment that that side of the road containing in length 20 poles, more or less, and in breadth about one pole, lying next the meads or fields of John Legg from Cow Bridge to a gate which goes out of the road into the said meads or fields is out of repair which said road lies in the parish of Bengeo.

37 Indictment of Thomas Times and others for a disturbance at a vestry held at the parsonage house of Great Amwell.

39a 4 October. Memorandum that John Legg, on his own view, presented that the highway in the parish of Bengeo leading from the parish of Bengeo to the town of Hertford from a place called Porthill to Cow Bridge containing in length 100 paces and in width 30 feet is in decay.

40. 26 April. Presentment of Richard Witherby of Hitchin, tanner, for turning and stopping a watercourse in the parish of Hitchin in a street there called the Back Street which used to run along the said street by a house in the occupation of Charles Noye, into the river there, whereby the highway is filled with water.

41. Presentment that a certain part of the highway containing in length 1,000 paces and in width 30 feet in the parish of Aldbury, leading from the parish of Farnham in the County of Essex in by and through the parish of Aldbury to the parish of Hadham Parva and thence to the town of Ware is in decay and that the inhabitants of Aldbury ought to repair the same.

44a Presentment that the highway in the parish of Aldbury leading from the parish of Farnham in the County of Essex containing in length 1,000 poles or thereabouts is in decay and that the inhabitants of Aldbury ought to repair the same.

Marked: Found guilty at Midsummer Sessions, 1731.

45. Indictment of John Sansome one of the constables of Chipping Barnet for refusing to convey John Buckley a gipsy (*Egyptus*) and his children to the town of Pinner on his way to Bodmin where he was born.

52. Indictment of Thomas Jone of Redbourne, proprietor of a certain tenement in the parish of Harpenden for dividing the same into three several tenements and putting various subtenants into the same to the danger of infection of the inhabitants of Harpenden.

54. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Hertingfordbury leading from a place called Gibgate to Birchall in the said parish and thence to the town of Hertford containing in length 50 poles and in width 20 feet, is in decay and that the inhabitants of Hertingfordbury ought to repair the same.

Marked: Found guilty at Michaelmas Sessions, 1734, and fined 20*li.*, but process not to issue till further order.

57. 9 January. Certificate by Armand Dubourdieu, vicar of Sawbridgeworth, Richard Sutton, W. Sworder, George Bull, John Holgate, and Henry Bride, that the shop of Thomas Dugard, which stood upon the waste is taken down.

58. 9 January. Certificate by William Sutton, Matthew Littleton, Thomas Tomolin, John Pope, Edward Baring, Thomas Burch, Ezekiel Hempre, James Pope, Samuel Climson, John Tomlines, Robert Briden, William Rogers, and John Glenister, that they desire to use the dwelling house of Henry Putnam situate at Dudswell in the parish of Barkhampstead St Mary otherwise North Church as a meeting house for religious worship by the people called Baptists.

67. 5 July. Certificate by Samuel Chase, Joseph Chandler and S. Marsom that the newly-erected building in the parish of Flamstead at or near Markyate Street, a lane called Buckwood Lane northwest thereof and a close called Park field, south, is intended to be used for religious worship by protestant dissenters.

72. Account of money spent upon County bridges.

BUNDLE FOR 1732.

24. List of licensed alehouse keepers in the hundred of Edwinstree.

25. The like for the hundred of Odsey.

25^a^ 28 September. Presentment by Thomas Marshall constable of Standon, of John Grout, senior, of Standon, butcher, for keeping a "masty bitch" she having seized and bitten several people in the daytime in the open street.

30. Indictment of John Kilby of Bushey, labourer, for stealing an iron box called a tobacco box of the value of 10*d*. the goods of Thomas Brent.

Marked. "Tried and found guilty and ordered to be whipt at Hertford openly till his back be bloody, between the hours of 11 and 1 in the forenoon.

32, 33 & 23. Indictment of Arnold Philbey of the parish of St Albans, labourer, for taking trout and other fish from a pond in the parish of St Stephen in the County of Hertford the property of Thomas Aspinall.

Marked. Found guilty and fined 1s.

37. Indictment of John Pryor of Northaw within the Liberty of St Alban's for exercising the trade of a baker without having been apprenticed seven years.

42. Petition of the inhabitants of the borough of Hertford to the Justices of the Peace. Shewing that the prisoners in the gaol for the county of Hertford have (for want of separate strong and convenient wards within the said gaol to receive the prisoners removed by *habeas corpus* from the prison of Newgate and to keep them separate by themselves) been frequently and very grievously afflicted with an infectious distemper called the gaol fever communicated to them by such distempered persons being confined in the same wards with the healthy and sound, and thereby many prisoners have lost their lives and others have long laboured under the said distemper to the danger of the health of the keepers of the gaol and others resorting to their assistance with medicines and other necessaries and thereby great expenses have fallen upon the county. And not only so but also to the danger of the inhabitants living near the gaol and further exposing to great danger the coroners and jurors summoned to view the bodies of those dying of the said distemper. And your petitioners are apprehensive that not only the above persons are liable to be injured by the said infection but that when the same is of a very contagious nature it may even be of dangerous consequence to your worships when any such infected persons are brought

before you in court and in like manner to the Justices of assize &c. the same having formerly, as history informs us, proved a very pernicious consequence to some hundreds at a time, and in our own time has lately furnished us with a melancholy instance when a lord chief baron, a high sheriff, two sergeants at law and several others received the infection in court and all perished by the same. The Petitioners pray for the separate reception of distempered prisoners.

65. A calendar of prisoners in the house of correction. Thomas Omitt one of the poor pensioners of the parish of East Barnet, committed by Edward Hughes for insulting the churchwarden and for not wearing his badge as the Act of Parliament directs.

88. 17 April. Letter from John Ramsey of Bishop's Stortford asking to be excused from serving on a jury as he is one of those called Quakers.

BUNDLE FOR 1733.

10 & 19. 4 January. Recognizance of Thomas Brent of Pinner in the county of Middlesex, farmer to prosecute John Kilby of Bushey for stealing an iron tobacco box the goods of the said Thomas.

22. 18 August. Information by Thomas Lewis of Lime Street in the City of London, sugar refiner, that about 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday 18 August as he was coming up to London by the Lincoln coach between Welwyn and Hatfield, he was robbed of eight guineas, two moidores and 5s. in silver, by a single highwayman in a dark coloured coat upon a brown bay horse.

23. 18 August. Information by Jane Stourton that she was robbed in like manner.

94. Indictment of William Tonge for stopping up a watercourse in the parish of Cheshunt.

99 & 102. Indictment of Thomas Paternoster of Hitchin, stationer, for placing a cartload of firewood in Angel Street, Hitchin, and obstructing the highway.

BUNDLE FOR 1734.

17. 7 October. Order that William Bucknall and other Justices of the Peace be requested to view and form an estimate of the repair of High Bridge partly lying within the County and partly within the Liberty of St Alban which is out of repair by reason of the great floods that have lately happened.

53. Presentment that a certain part of the highway in the parish of Little Amwell leading from Ware to a hill called Lime-kiln Hill in the parish of Little Amwell lying at the bottom of the said hill containing in length 20 poles and in width 20 feet, and another part of the said highway in the parish of Little Amwell lying at the top of the said hill containing in length 25 poles and in width 20 feet, is in decay and that the inhabitants of the parish of Little Amwell ought to repair the same.

57. Indictment of Thomas Mason of Welwyn, labourer, for erecting a wooden house upon the highway in Welwyn.

63. 18 April. Report by Peter Forster, Esq., and John Savage, D.D., directed to enquire into a dispute between William Kimpton, of the parish of Weston, yeoman, and the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish touching the unfairness of the rates made for the relief of the poor.

It is agreed by all parties that no day labourer shall ever be rated for his cottage. That the present rate shall be a standing rule for all future rates except where there shall be an apparent increase or decrease of rent; except also that in the case of the said William Kimpton the estate he now holds shall be rated at 40s. a year less than it is now rated, &c.

83 to 116. Accounts of damage done to the dwellings, outhouses, barns, and goods of very many persons by a fire that broke out in the parish of Royston on 22 March.

90. Valuation by Richard Brown for "two hundred" of ship leather, 7*li.*; one dozen skins, blue and red, 14*s.*; three horse hides, 1*li.* 4*s.*; one dozen of oiled skins, 8s.; a chest of strong gloves, 3*li.*; eight pair of buckskin breeches, made and unmade, 4*li.*; a pair of buckskins, 8*s.*; two pair of doeskins, 10*s.*; &c.

98. The like by Samuel Jefferson. A wash-trough, a linen-wheel, &c.

101. The like by William Hill. A mill, 24*li.*; a kiln, 10*li.*; an oat-loft, 2*li.* 10*s.*; the parlour and goods, viz.: brandy, gin, aniseed water, &c., 6*li.* 10*s.*; a mustard mill, 7*s.* 6*d.*; three silver spoons, 1*li.* 5*s.*; two shelves of delph ware, 10*s.*; a syllabub pot, china jugs and saucers, 3*s.*; four bibles, four common prayer books, and other books, 1*li.* 10*s.*

BUNDLE FOR 1735.

39. 6 January. Report by W. Bucknall and Thomas Wotton as to the condition of High Bridge, one half lying in the County and the other in the Liberty of St Alban.

40. Certificate by William Carter, of Shenley, that he intends to use his house as a place for Protestant dissenters to meet in for the worship of God.

52, 62. A proposal for repairing High Bridge. See also No. 78.

BUNDLE FOR 1736.

35. Indictment of Robert Brantham, of Sandridge, labourer, for taking one trout, value 12*d.*, at a place called the Paper Mills, in the Parish of St. Peter, near St. Albans, and in the manor of Sopwell, which manor and the right of fishing in all the streams therein is the freehold and property of Samuel Grimston, Esq.

36. Indictment of George Carpenter the elder of Redbourne for filling up a great part of the channel of an ancient stream in Redbourne, which runs from a place called Row Beach in the County of Hertford through several parishes in the

same county and so on through Redbourne till it falls into the river Ver, with a bank of earth and other materials and planting upon the bank a quick hedge.

37. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Broxbourne leading from the great road lying between the parish of Wormley and the Hamlet of Hoddesdon, to the parish church of Broxbourne, is in decay by default of the inhabitants of the parish of Broxbourne.

38. Indictment of Daniel Turner, of Wormley, labourer, for refusing to exercise the office of constable.

41. Indictment of James Hitchin, of Hitchin, mealman, for exercising the trade of a baker without having been apprenticed seven years.

43. Certificate by William Burgin, William Smith, James Burgin, Robert Munn, Daniel Turner, and Nathaniel Saunders, that they intend to use the house of William Burgin situate at a place called Two Watters in the parish of Hemel Hempstead for a public meeting house for the worship of God for the people called Protestant dissenters.

44. Report touching the condition of the County gaol at Hertford.

47. Certificate that John Deane, Esquire, Sheriff of Herts, took the oath to give a true return of the votes for the election of a Knight of the Shire in the room of Sir Thomas Sanders Seabright, baronet, deceased.

BUNDLE FOR 1738.

16. 10 July. Order at Quarter Sessions (reciting that "the Small Lea Bridge" leading from the parish of Cheshunt to the parish of Waltham Abbey or Holy Cross, Essex, is a county bridge repairable jointly by the counties of Essex and Herts) that a survey be made of the said bridge to see if it should be repaired or rebuilt.

46. Presentment "that one half of Small Lea Bridge in the parish of Chesthunt is a county bridge" and ought to be repaired by the said county, and that the said half part is very much out of repair (*vide post* N°. 146).

57. 5 October. Petition by certain justices of the peace to the Lord Chancellor. That on 25 July last there happened a most dreadful and terrible storm of hail which fell about 10 miles in length, for the most part in a very rich corn country, the fields whereof were loaden with exceeding good crops in the several parishes and townships of Standon, Bengeo, Thundridge, Ware, Little Hadham, Hartingfordbury, Branfield, Furnix Pelham, Braughin, and Albury—the stones whereof were of a prodigious size and bigness the like not known in memory, some of them being six inches in circumference and most of them of an unusual size, attended with a great storm of wind and thunder without intermission—which beat down and destroyed the growing wheat, rye, barley, oats, pease, beans, and generally speaking, the whole product, not sparing the clover, grass and pasture, besides the damage done to the buildings, the thatch being violently torn off and the windows broken and shattered, and many cattle in the fields not escaping cuts and bruises. The said storm extended itself over the lands in the holding of the several persons mentioned in the schedule hereto annexed whereby many of them are reduced to poverty, having neither corn to supply their families with bread, nor seed to sow their land, nor sustenance for their cattle for

winter. The loss is estimated at 5122*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* They pray for a grant of letters patent empowering the sufferers to collect alms.

58 to 145. Accounts of the damage sustained by various persons through the storm above mentioned—a valuable list of names of farmers &c., in the parts of the county affected.

146. 2 October. Report by William Cowper and others upon the estimates submitted for rebuilding that half of the bridge commonly called Small Lea Bridge, leading from the parish of Chesthunt to the parish of Waltham Abbey otherwise Waltham Holy Cross in the county of Essex.

BUNDLE FOR 1739.

66. 8 January. Presentment that the highway in the parish of Shenley which leads from Shenley Road to the town of Watford, as also from the villages of Colney Street, Frogmore and Park Street to the town of Hertford (*sic*) from a certain place called Corner Mead to the end of Four Acre Mead near Shenley Road in the said parish containing in length two furlongs and in breadth 16 feet is in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Shenley ought to repair the same (vide *post* N°. 78).

69. Indictment of Henry Presland, schoolmaster, Sacheverel Risby, glazier and plumber, and George Houseon, coachman, all of Bishop Stortford, for riotously assembling at Bishop Stortford and assaulting Jonas Chalke. Pleaded guilty. Order to respite to next sessions.

89. Account of moneys expended in repairing the county bridges, viz.:—New Bridge, Fore Bridge, Wadesmill Bridge, Smalling (*sic*) Bridge and Standon Bridge.

BUNDLE FOR 1740.

85. 14 May. Recognizance of Thomas Thurgood for his appear-

ance to answer for refusing to do the statute work upon the King's highway in the parish of Baldock.

63. Indictment of John Hankin, of High Cross, in the parish of Stondon, wheeler, for obstructing with various pieces of oak, ash, and elm, the highway in the said parish called the Lane leading from a place called Shepherd's Hill in the said parish to High Cross aforesaid.

68. Indictment of William Adams, of Chesthunt, yeoman, for exercising the trade of a butcher without having been apprenticed thereto for seven years.

69. Indictment of James Robinett, of Barley, for the like offence.

74. 14 April. Petition of Richard Robinson, of St. Alban's, contractor for the passing of vagrants, &c. Shewing that to remedy and prevent the exorbitant expenses which happened for many years in the relieving, passing, and conveying of vagrants and others with passes and the neglects of the petty constables of this county, Mr. Thomas Richards contracted, about 21 years ago, to pass and relieve legally all vagrants through this county, for 200*l.* *per annum* which has saved this county the expense of several thousand pounds. That the said Mr. Richards notwithstanding his greatest care was obliged often to petition for an additional relief on extraordinary accidents and casual events which was often granted on due proof thereof to the justices in session.

That on the death of Mr. Richards in 1729, William Humble, of St. Alban's, and the petitioner contracted to relieve, punish, and convey all vagrants in and through the county of Hertford for 200*l.* *per annum.*, and to avoid all applications to Sessions for any additional relief or accidents the justices allowed 20*l.* per annum.

That the said William Humble and the petitioner have for the past ten years performed the said contract.

He prays to be continued the contractor.

77. 9 April. Certificate by William Feilde and George Harrison that the inhabitants of Broxbourne have repaired the high-

way in Broxbourne leading from the Great Road lying between the parish of Wormley and the hamlet of Hoddesdon to the parish church of Broxbourne.

83. 14 July. Certificate by the said William Feilde and George Harrison that the inhabitants of the parish of Little Amwell who stand indicted for not repairing the highway in the said parish leading from the town of Ware to a hill called Lime Kiln Hill, containing in length 25 poles and in breadth 20 feet—have repaired the same.

96. Account of money expended in repairing the county bridges, viz.:—Buntingford, Fore, New, and Wadesmill bridges.

104. Account of charges for transporting prisoners, 1738—40.

106. Account of Richard Robinson, contractor appointed at the sessions 6th April, 1730, for passing vagrants for the county of Hertford, at the rate of 220*l.* *per annum.*

108. 5 January. Letter dated Great Berkhampstead from the Rev. John Cowper, rector, to his brother, William Cowper, Esq., Clerk of the Parliaments "at ye Park House, near Hertford." "Dear Brother, a parishioner of mine, one Francis Egglestone, is apprehensive he shall be put upon the jury at the next quarter sessions at Hertford . . . . . He is a wretched spectacle being almost blind, and lame with the gout and palsy. He tells me besides all this he has a diabetes. I believe you can hardly think such a person fit for a journey much less for such an attendance . . . . . With love to all friends dear brother. Your sincere friend and affectionate brother, John Cowper."

123. 14 April. Gaol Calendar. John Elstowe, charged with having maliciously cut and defaced divers timber and other trees growing upon the waste of the manor of Totteridge, the property of the Marquis of Carnarvon, lord of the said manor. Committed, 18 February, for three months, and to be publicly whipped one market day in each month.

BUNDLE FOR 1741.

15. Order of quarter sessions referring to Lord Cowper and others

for report the bill of the gaol keeper for providing for "several prisoners in the said gaol who have been lately afflicted with the small pox," &c.

16. Report of a financial committee, &c.

45. Indictment of John Reeve of Stevenage, yeoman, for attempting to murder Richard Reeve with an iron bill.

Fined 3*s*. 4*d*.. and committed till payment and until he shall enter into his recognizance himself in 100*l*. and two sureties in 50*l*. each for his good behaviour during his life.

47. Indictment of Thomas Coster of Gilston, labourer, for stealing 2*lbs*. of bacon of the value of 10*d*.

Pleaded guilty. "Ordered to be publicly whipt on Saturday next between ten and twelve in the morning."

55. 12 January. Petition of Richard Robinson of St Alban's, gentleman, late contractor for passing of vagrants in and through the County of Hertford. Shewing that the last act for passing of vagrants commenced the first day of June last, and if the commencement thereof had immediately relieved petitioner and his deputy contractors from passing and they could then have had their discharge petitioner would have expected his allowance from the 25th of March to the 1st June only, but petitioner and they were not then discharged and notwithstanding petitioner's dispersing the acts and new forms of passes, as soon as he could get them, to all parts of the county, at his own expense, as he thought it his duty to prevent irregularly in passing, and continued passing till after Midsummer. He prays for payment of his salary and expenses to Midsummer.

56 & 57. Petition of William Flaxman, of Hemel Hempstead. That petitioner's grandfather, who for nearly 40 years has been master or keeper of the house of correction at Hemel Hempstead, has for many years past instructed petitioner not only in the business of a flax and hemp dresser, which trade petitioner now follows, but also in the management and constant employment of the poor persons committed to the same place with proper work and labour. Prays to be appointed to succeed his grandfather as keeper of the said house.

64. 2 October. Certificate by Thomas Garrard and others, justices of the peace, recommending William Roberts, of Hemel Hempstead, to be governor or keeper of the house of correction at Hemel Hempstead.

65. Account of John Hammond, surveyor, for work done on the county bridges.

70. 28 December. William Plumer to [Mr. Toller, Clerk of the Peace]. I send you the minutes of a recognizance taken upon the complaint of William Hyde against James Rule. I have likewise sent two men to the house of correction for running away and leaving their families chargeable to the parish [Ware Westmill ?] one from Ware and the other from Braughin. It is become a practice for our poor to behave thus, and therefore it ought to be taken notice of, because it is one reason for our rates being so high.

78. 12 January. Gaol calendar, Sarah Middleton, convicted for hawking spirituous liquous contrary to law in the parish of Bennington. Committed for two months.

BUNDLE FOR 1742.

10. Order for estimates to be prepared for repairs to the county gaol and the house of correction for the hundreds of Hertford and Braughing, situate in the town of Hertford, which are much out of repair.

20. 22 September. Notice by Octavian (*sic*) Reynolds, rector of Wheathamstead, to the overseers of the poor thereof, to appeal to the next quarter sessions against the assessment made upon him for tithes in the rates or assessments for the relief of the poor of the said parish on 20 April last, at 1*s*. 6*d*. in the pound. Also notice to produce their original rates or assessments made on the day aforesaid as well that made for the south as for the north side of the said parish.

48. 6 August. Recognizance for the appearance of Mary, wife of John Mills to give evidence against Michael Batsford, of Little Munden, for being an idle, disorderly and pilfering boy.

61. 9 October. Recognizance of John Thurley, labourer, Richard Brown, glover, and Robert Thurley, son of the said John all of Royston, for the appearance of the said John Thurley and Mary Hopkinson, his daughter, for threatening to fire the house of Thomas Skegg of Royston, surgeon. For depositions in this matter see N°. 79.

66. 18 December. Recognizance for the appearance of James Bush, of Cheshunt, tallow-chandler, to give evidence against John Mason, a seaman, charged with travelling with a counterfeit pass and demanding thereon money for his subsistence.

75. 24 June. Information of John Davis, of Standon, labourer. That on 16 June one Jonathan Knightley shewed informant "a brace of carps" which he said, he and two others stole out of Lord Ashton's ponds, and the same day produced several others taken out of the said ponds. The said Knightley invited informant that night to fish the said pond again and shewed him a net for that purpose, and since that time informant was told that they went that night and caught several fish, particularly a pike weighing 7*lbs*. and upwards.

83. Indictment of John Mason of Cheshunt, labourer, being a person of evil fame and devising to deceive and defraud the King's subjects by colour of a writing called a permit in the following words: Deal, in the county of Kent, to wit. These are to desire you to permit and suffer the bearers hereof John Mason and Thomas Jones belonging to the *John and Thomas*, a merchant ship of London, upon their homeward bound passage from Jamaica, was taken by a Spanish privateer and carried to the Island of Queba [Cuba], and by good fortune they made their escape and these poor creatures were landed in a poor sickly condition, peaceably and quietly to pass unto Yarmouth in the county of Norfolk, we desiring and requiring all proper officers and all well disposed Christians to relieve them on their journey home to Yarmouth. Which writing is a forgery. And the said John Mason fraudulently asked and demanded relief of James Bush, one of the Churchwardens of Cheshunt.

Pleaded guilty. "Ordered to be whipt till his back is bloody and discharged."

88. Indictment of Thomas Wood of Sawbridgeworth, tailor, for breaking 12 panes of glass of the value of 10*d.* in the house of Nicholas Edridge in Sawbridgeworth.

90. Indictment of Sarah Ashby of Hemel Hempstead, for stealing one salt fish and a pint of beans of the value of 10*d.*

Ordered to be whipped in the house of correction.

92. 26 September. Petition of Isaac Oxinton, keeper of the gaol in the county of Hertford, to the justices of the peace, praying them to make order for the repair of the said gaol which is in very bad repair (see also N°. 100).

92[a] Petition of Jacob Burnapp, for an order for the repair of the house of correction for the hundreds of Hertford and Braughin (see also N°. 100).

101. 19 June. Certificate by Nathaniel Brassey, justice of the peace, that Joseph Storey of the parish of Cheshunt, was convicted before him for profanely cursing twice in his presence.

106. Report by Nathaniel Brassey and others on the condition of the county gaol. They find that the pavement in the yard is very much out of repair; that three sills to the yard doors should be new and the door-studs repaired; that the brickwork of one of the wards should be amended; that seven chimneys in the wards and the jambs should be new worked up; that the stairs to the wards should be amended; that the little chamber should be timbered and planked; that the staircase to the great room should be planked; that the necessary house should be new built and cleaned; that the floors of the wards should be amended; that the dungeons should be boarded 6ft. high from the ground with elm boards and be plastered above them with lime and hair to the ceilings; and that the tiling and tops of the chimneys are very much out of repair.

As to the house of correction. That the front staircase should boarded on both sides; that the floors should be

amended; that the kitchen and buttery should be paved with white bricks; that the two ends of the garrets should be boarded; that the hearth in the fore room should be new laid; that the entry on one side should be boarded; that the hackle frame in the workshop should be lengthened nine feet; that three blocks should be removed; that the floor should be amended and the partition there carried up to the ceiling; that the fence in the yard should be amended; that the stable should be amended with boards; that the necessary house should be amended and that the tiling over the workhouse is very much out of repair.

107. Account for work done to Hertford gaol, viz.:—for locks to the hatch, the great door next the street, the dungeon doors, the felons' ward, the dungeon staircase and the back door.

BUNDLE FOR 1743.

34. 26 March. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Hudnall, of Hemel Hempstead, butcher, for his appearance to answer for not allowing Henry Pitkin, his apprentice, sufficient meat and drink and for not giving him due and proper instruction in the trade and business of a butcher.

60. 10 February. Information by William Dell, of Chesham, in the county of Bucks, farmer, against Gabriel Seabrook, for assaulting him in the house of the said Gabriel, called the Crown, in Berkhamstead.

81. Indictment of John Barron of Standon, waggoner, and John Tharpe of the hamlet of Nuthamstead in the parish of Barkway, waggoner, for unlawfully conveying James Hey from Standon to Barkway where he had no legal settlement, the said James Hey being poor, impotent, and sick of the small-pox, and so became a burden to the inhabitants of the parish of Barkway.

87. 11 April. Petition of Thomas Bullen of Buntingford, hemp and flax dresser. That his father, who lately died, was for many years past, till the time of his death, governor, master or keeper of the house of correction, situate in Bunting

ford, for the hundreds of Edwinstrey and Odsey, Prays to be appointed master of the said house.

Ordered that he be appointed keeper and give security.

103. A bill relating to William Stevens, a prisoner, who died in gaol. To Mr. Toller the coroner, 13*s.* 4*d.* &c.

106. Account of moneys expended by John Hammond, surveyor, in repairing and amending the county bridges, viz.:—Fore, Wadesmill, New and Standon bridges.

111. 23 June. Indenture apprenticing William Babham, a poor child, of the parish of Hemel Hempstead, to Thomas Young of Hemel Hempstead, yeoman, till he shall attain the age of 24 (*sic*) years, according to the statute.

BUNDLE FOR 1744.

42. Indictment of William Welch, one of the constables of the parish of Great Amwell, for allowing to escape from his custody Joseph Tuffnail of Great Amwell, "hostler."

43. 9 January. Presentment that the highway leading from Codicote to Wellwyn and lying by the riverside in the parish of Wellwyn, containing about 40 poles in length is out of repair and dangerous to travellers, occasioned by digging the river much deeper than it used to be by the owners or occupiers of a certain mill called the fulling mill, and that the present occupiers of the said mill are George Crawley and Richard Harding, millers.

44. 2 April, 1744. Presentment that Buntingford bridge lying in the parish of Layston, is a county bridge and the wharfage of the south and north ends is decayed and very much out of repair, and that the whole bridge wants covering with gravel.

54. 2 May. Certificate by Rowland Johnson, justice of the peace, that John Neal, of Hemel Hempstead, labourer, above the age of 16 years, was convicted of swearing five profane oaths.

61. Account of Cæsar Saunders, keeper of the county gaol, for the removal of felons in order to their transportation: For the removal of John Sherston, Ralph Piggott, Mary Long and Arthur Strickett from Hertford on board the ship of Andrew Reid, merchant, who contracted for the transportation of the said felons, 4*l.* 4*s.* For the removal of Joseph Sutton otherwise James Preist, William Taylor and Jacob Rixon on board the ship, 3*l.* 3*s.*

76. 9 July. Gaol calendar. William Bentley, committed 19 April, for being an idle and disorderly person and for cutting off two of his fingers to avoid being enlisted in the King's service.

77. Gaol calendar. Joseph Sell committed on 1 October for the murder of Margaret Edwards of Stondon.

BUNDLE FOR 1745.

15. 12 August. Order reciting that John Strong, Thomas Wotton and John Sley, Esq., justices of the peace (to whom, amongst others, Highbridge, situate part in the hamlet of Theobald Street, in the hundred of Dacorum and part in the parish of Aldenham within the liberty of St. Alban's, was referred, to consider of the best method of repairing or rebuilding the same)—had reported that the best method would be to take down the old bridge (which is now built with wood) and to rebuild the same chiefly with brick, according to the estimate and plan annexed to their report and now remaining on the roll of this session; that the costs and charges would amount to 207*l.* and that one morety thereof ought to be paid by the inhabitants of the county and the other moiety by the inhabitants of the liberty of St. Alban's.

Ordered that that half of the bridge which belongs to the county be repaired and rebuilt according to the said plan and estimate, and that the same be done by John Baker of St. Albans, bricklayer, for 103*l.* 10*s.*, he to make the piles and land ties thereof of the heart of good oak, and to make the piles 6in. square, and the land ties 5in. by 8in.

35. 1 November. Recognizance for the appearance of Hannah Smithson of Thundridge, spinster, to prosecute the Rev. Worsopp Atkinson, master of the free school of Ware, for assaulting the said Hannah with intent to commit a rape.

36. 1 November. Recognizance of the said Worsopp Atkinson in 80*l.*, John Fairland of Ware, victualler, and John Smith of Bengeo, farmer, in 40*l.* each, for the appearance of the said Worsopp.

47. Presentment that High-bridge, situate partly in the hamlet of Theobald Street in the hundred of Dacorum and partly in the parish of Aldenham in the liberty of St Alban's, is ruinous and decayed, and that the said bridge has been and ought to be repaired at the joint expenses of the county and the liberty of St Alban's.

48. 14 January. Presentment that Fore Bridge lying in the parish of Braughin, a county bridge, is out of repair and is almost impassable at flood time.

Marked: "This bridge was ordered to be repaired by the court on this presentment."

49. 22 April. Presentment that Wadesmill bridge in the parish of Thundridge, a county bridge, is out of repair.

63. 13 July. Certificate by Thomas Wotton and John Skey, justices of the peace, that they have viewed the defects of High bridge, situate part in the hamlet of Theobald Street and part in the parish of Aldenham, which is in a ruinous condition and ought to be repaired or rebuilt by the inhabitants of the county and the liberty of St Alban's.

55, 82. Particulars of the proposed repairs with estimate for the same.

79. Account for work done to Fore bridge, Wadesmill bridge, Buntingford bridge and New bridge.

85. 7 October. Letter from R. Coningsby to Bostock Toller as to a man committed to goal suspected of being disaffected to the king.

BUNDLE FOR 1746.

52. 7 April. Presentment that several of the main spurs belonging to the wharfage of Wadesmill bridge, a county bridge, and the crown of the said bridge are out of repair.

62. Indictment of Susannah Perkins of Hoddesdon, spinster, for stealing several pieces of pickled pork of the value of 10*d*.

"Ordered to be whipt at Hodsdon, on Thursday next till her back be bloody and then discharged."

69. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the parish of Walkern to the town of Baldock and that a certain part of the same highway lying in the parish of Yardley at the west end of a certain common field there called Brookfield containing in length 60 poles and in breadth eight yards is out of repair and that the inhabitants of the parish of Yardley ought to repair the same.

Marked:—The inhabitants pleaded not guilty and were found not guilty at Michaelmas Sessions, 6 October 1746.

72. Indictment of Christopher Wren, Esq. lieutenant of a troop of horse of the regiment called Honeywood's regiment, commanded by Charles Bembow, (*sic*) Esq. then quartered at Hertford (the said Christopher Wren being quartered at the house of Edward Lucas, called the Bell Inn) for creating a disturbance in the said house and breaking china, glass and a table to the value of 5*l*. and doing other damage and for violently assaulting the said Edward Lucas. Marked: "True bill."

82. 28 October. Certificate that William Cox of Bardolph's, in the parish of Watton-at-Stone, farmer, was convicted on this date for not notifying that his cattle had the distemper, &c.

86. 12 March. Council Chamber, Whitehall. Letter from William Sharpe to Earl Cowper, Custos Rotulorum of Herts, enclosing rules, orders and regulations for preventing the spread of the distemper now raging amongst the horned cattle.

99. Gaol calendar for the house of correction in Hemel Hempstead. William White committed 19 March, charged with being a deserter from one of the King's ships of war whereon he was a carpenter's mate.

BUNDLE FOR 1747.

15. An account of persons bound over to the quarter sessions of Hertfordshire to be held on 12 January, 1746-7, relating to William Cox's conviction for having the contagious distemper amongst his horned cattle.

35. Presentment that the trough which lies on the backside of the gaol of the county and carries the waste and dirty water into the common sewer is quite decayed, whereby the foundation and brickwork of the back part of the said gaol is much damaged and greatly sunk and decayed.

41. Indictment of William Naylor of Berkhamstead St. Peter, stay-maker, for obstructing a certain ancient watercourse adjoining the highway in the said parish with gravel, dirt, and other filth, and causing the same to overflow into the highway.

Marked: Found guilty at Easter session; fined 1s., paid in court.

42, Presentment that there is a certain highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Shefford, and that a certain part of the same highway situate in the parish of Hitchin, called Pound Lane, containg in length 180 yards, and in breadth three yards, is very ruinous and that the inhabitants of the parish of Hitchin ought to repair the same. And also a certain othor part of the said highway leading from the west end of Pound Lane to a certain river called Burford Wray, otherwise Burford Dray, in the said road, leading from Hitchin to Shefford, containing in length one mile and in breadth three yards, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Hitchin ought to repair the same.

50. 25 April. Certificate by Thomas Bigge, J. Strong and James Wittewrong that they have surveyed the repairs done by

John Baker of St. Albans, bricklayer, to High bridge, situate part in the hamlet of Theobald Street and part in the liberty of St. Alban's, and find the same done in a workmanlike manner.

56. Account for repairs to Wadesmill bridge.

BUNDLE FOR 1748.

53. 18 April. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the village of Hertingfordbury to the town of Hertford, and that a certain part of the same highway lying in the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, on the side of a field called Long Chelmsford, containing in length eight poles, and in breadth three yards, and another part of the same highway lying in the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, on the side of a field in the occupation of Thomas Perry, and thence to the house of Richard Wells in the same parish, containing in length 59 poles, and in breadth three yards, are very ruinous, and that the inhabitants of the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, ought to repair the same.

82. Michaelmas Sessions. Gaol calendar. Thomas Neale, Hezekiah Vincent and William Bowen committed for stealing a quart silver tankard, the property of William Palmer of Chipping Barnet.

BUNDLE FOR 1749,

46. Indictment of Richard Simmons of Chesthunt, yeoman, for erecting a sign-post in a certain ancient highway called Chesthunt Street, leading from Waltham Cross to Hoddesdon. A true bill found.

50. Indictment of Henry Haydon of Great Hormead, carpenter, for building a cottage in a place there called Hare Street, for the habitation of himself and his family without laying four acres of ground thereto.

61. Account of moneys expended in repairing the county bridges, viz.: Forebridge, Newbridge and Wadesmill bridge.

BUNDLE FOR 1750.

60. Information by Richard Feast of Gilston. That being in attendance on his mistress, Mrs. Parson, he met Michael Starling driving a wagon on the road, and desired him to stop his wagon so that his mistress might pass in her coach, but the said Michael beat him and threatened to tear the coach in pieces.

73. Indictment of Mary Simmons of the parish of Chesthunt, widow, and Joseph Fawks of the same, yeoman, for setting up a sign post in, upon, and across Chesthunt Street in the highway leading from Waltham Cross to Hoddesdon. A true bill found.

77. Indictment of James Martin of Chesthunt, yeoman, for exercising the trade of a butcher without having been apprenticed thereto for seven years.

106. The distemper amongst horned cattle being "very bad" in the parish of Chesthunt and places adjoining, the parish appoints an inspector at a salary of 7s. a week.

BUNDLE FOR 1751.

42. Indictment of John Walker of Cheshunt, yeoman, for exercising the trade of a butcher without having been apprenticed thereto for seven years.

46. Like indictment of William Cannon of Aspeden, yeoman, for exercising the trade of a fellmonger.

67. 5 April. Receipt by Thomas Rickett for 5s. for locking up and looking after Fore bridge for one year.

68. Bill for repairs to the county bridges.

69. Bill for repairs to New bridge and Standon bridge.

70. Estimate for repairs to the house of correction at Hitchin.

71. Requisition by the inhabitants of the parish of Baldock to the justices of the peace to levy a rate of 1s. 3d. in the pound upon the parish for the repair of the highways in the parish.

BUNDLE FOR 1752.

29. 15 May. Recognizance for the appearance of Nathaniel Salmon of Furneux Pelham, miller, to give evidence against John Ward for stealing from Thomas Bowyer of Furneux Pelham a quantity of wheat called "revitt" wheat.

50. 11 May. Information by Thomas Smith of Great Gaddesden, gentleman, against Thomas Halsey of Hemel Hempstead, bricklayer, for threatening the said Thomas Smith, and for taking fish out of his waters and river.

55. Indictment of Robert Searle for exercising the trade of a butcher without having been apprenticed thereto for seven years.

63. Indictment of Joseph Fitzjohn of Walkern, yeoman, for stealing bacon.

Ordered to be whipped "immediately" and discharged.

79. Bill for repairs to the county bridges.

BUNDLE FOR 1753.

47. 5 March. Information by James Austin of Berkhamstead St Peter, shovel-maker, against John Grove, spoon-maker. That the said John Grove brought an empty sack to a public house called the *Crooked Billet*, in the parish of North Church, near the boundary of the parish of Berkhamstead, and sold it to the informant for 6*d*. and a pint of beer.

50. Information by John Pretlove of Stanstead Abbots, schoolmaster, as to an assault made upon him.

55. 14 December. Information by William Dell of Chesham, in the county of Bucks, farmer, that he was violently assaulted by Joseph Brooks, in the house of John Field, known by the sign of the *Fencing Master*, in the parish of Bovingdon.

80. Estimate for the repair of Buntingford bridewell.

BUNDLE FOR 1754.

49. Indictment of John Symons of Hemel Hempsted, cordwainer, for stealing a silver spoon of the value of 10*d*.

Found guilty. Ordered to be whipped next Thursday at Hempsted and two market days after, in open market, and to be committed to the bridewell at Hempsted during that time.

BUNDLE FOR 1755.

91. Account for repairs to the county bridges, viz.:—New bridge, Buntingford bridge, Wadesmill bridge, and Fore bridge.

BUNDLE FOR 1756.

36. 12 July. Presentment that the highway or lane called Bushy Mills Lane, lying in the hamlet of Leavesden, and leading from Leavesden (across the great road leading from St. Alban's to Watford) towards Bushey Mills, Bushey Hall, and so on to London, and containing in breadth in many places about ten feet, and in other places not so much, and in length about three quarters of a mile, is out of repair and that the inhabitants of Leavesden ought to repair the same

45. Indictment of Edward Wood of Ware, labourer, for stealing an iron chain of the value of 10*d*.
Marked: Found guilty; ordered to be whipped at Ware.

46. Indictment of Rachel, wife of John Bigg of Little Ayot, labourer, for stealing two ducks of the value of 10*d*.
Marked. "Found guilty and ordered to be whipped next Saturday between 10 and 12 from the Old Cross in Hertford through Maidenhead Street and the Butchers' Market to the gaol, and to suffer the same next Saturday fortnight."

47. Indictment of the same Rachel for stealing wheat. "Found guilty, and ordered to suffer the same punishment as entered on the other indictment."

59. Report of Thomas Plumer Byde, Thomas Gape, and John Keet, clerk, appointed to examine the accounts of John Smith, deceased, treasurer of the county and contractor for passing and conveying vagrants through the county. That John Smith, son of the said John and one of his executors,

had informed them that his father had lost considerably by the last year's contract for conveying vagrants, by reason of the great number of soldiers with their wives and children having passed through the county, and that Thomas Gardener who had agreed with the said John Smith to convey all vagrants in the Cheshunt road for 70*l.*, had charged the said executor 66*l.* 13*s.* over and above the said 70*l.*

63. 27 September. Treasury Chambers. J. West to Mr. Toller. —His Majesty having been graciously pleased by his royal warrant, in pursuance of the address of the House of Commons, to order the sum of 1600*l.* to be distributed to and amongst the innholders and other public house keepers in the several towns of Hertford, Ware, and Hoddesdon, in the county of Hertford, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, have directed me to acquaint you with the same, for the information of the justices, and that the money is issued to Mr. Davis, one of the clerks of the Treasury, for that purpose.

Overleaf is written in another hand:—Hertford, 750*l.*; Ware, 550*l.*; Hoddesdon, 300*l.* Subject to the charge of getting and paying the money, and the clerk of the peace to be paid 1*s.* in the pound out of the next money received of the Treasury for his trouble in receiving and paying it.

BUNDLE FOR 1757.

50. Indictment of John Wright of Hertford, butcher, for assaulting Thomas Field.

Marked. Found guilty and fined 5*s.*, and to be committed till payment and till he find two sureties.

At an adjourned session on 30 April, 1757, the fine was discharged, and defendant ordered to be discharged from custody on account of his having enlisted into Lord Robert Manners' Regiment of Foot.

55. 11 July. Petition of Frederick Halsey and others, justices of the peace, to the Lord Keeper praying him to grant letters patent to James Rayment, whose whole stock upon his farm, called Temple Farm, in the parish of Bengeo was destroyed by fire, to collect alms.

61. The medical officer's account for the medicines, &c. supplied apparently to the gaol for the years 1755 and 1756. Amongst the items are the following:—A volatile mixture, a volatile liniment, a mercurial mixture, sudorific powders, a vomiting powder, volatile drops, a fever powder, hysteric drops, alterative mixture, mercurial pills, doses of rhubarb, saffron drops, purging potions, cardiac julep, a collerium for the eyes, carminative drops, balsamic drops, astringent drops, anodyne draught, and numerous charges for bleeding.

62. Account of Cornelius Wilson, keeper of the gaol. Amongst the items are:—For whipping Rachel Bigg at the cart's tail from the Old Cross through the Butcher's Shambles to the gaol two market days, 10*s.*; for putting up the pound for the prisoners at the two assizes, 12*s.*

90. Gaol calendar for the county gaol. John Dundas *alias* James Gordon, charged on his own confession with having broken open the room over the stables of George Jennings, Esq. at Newells, in the parish of Barkway, and stealing therefrom four pieces of gold coin called "six and thirty shilling pieces and one piece of gold called a guinea," the property of Thomas Howell, coachman.

BUNDLE FOR 1758.

4. 9 January. Order reciting that complaint has been made by the principal inhabitants of Great Berkhamstead that the high street of the said town is out of repair and so dirty that they cannot walk therein without great inconvenience, and that according to ancient custom, at the court leet held for the honour of Berkhamstead, William Bates was appointed scavenger for the present year but cannot do his duty effectually unless empowered by the court to make a rate for that purpose. It is therefore ordered that the said William Bates do repair and cleanse the said high street from the parish of Northchurch eastward to the parish of Northchurch westward; and for defraying the expenses thereof an assessment is to be equally made not exceeding 6*d.* in the pound, for the present, upon every owner and occupier of houses lands and tenements and hereditaments within the said high street.

8. 8 April. Writ to the sheriff to inquire if it would be to the damage of the King or others if licence were granted to John Tomlinson of East Barnet, E$^{sq.}$ to alter or change the market heretofore held within the town or manor of Barnet otherwise Cheping Barnet on Mondays, to Wednesdays, and the first holiday and fair of the two holidays and fairs heretofore held yearly under grant from Queen Elizabeth to Charles Butler on the eve, the day, and the morrow of S$^{t.}$ John the Baptist, to the 8$^{th.}$ 9$^{th.}$ and 10th days of April; and to change the second holiday and fair of the said two holidays and fairs heretofore held on the eve, on the day and on the morrow of S$^{t.}$ Luke the Evangelist, to the 4th 5th and 6th days of September together with the piepowder court to be held there at the same time as the said holidays and fairs.

The Inquisition taken upon this says it will not be to the prejudice of the King or of others if the said market and fairs are altered as above.

53. 9 January. Presentment that New bridge standing across the River Rib in the King's highway leading from Puckridge to Buntingford is in decay and that the said bridge ought to be repaired at the expense of the county.

Ordered that the said bridge be repaired for the present and that proposals be brought in at the next sessions for rebuilding it.

54. Presentment that a cart bridge in the parish of Bushey in a certain lane leading to a farm called Merry Hill Farm is out of repair.

60. Indictment of Robert Hammond of Stevenage, labourer, for stealing a pewter basin of the value of 6*d*.

Ordered to be whipped at Hertford.

62. Presentment that there is a common highway called Lambert's Lane leading from a place called Lambert's Farm in the parish of Much Hadham to the village of Much Hadham, and that a certain part of the said highway lying in Much Hadham containing in length 660 feet and in breadth 20 feet is out of repair and that the inhabitants of the parish of Much Hadham ought to repair the same.

63. Presentment that there is a highway leading from Fanham's Hall, in the parish of Ware, to the town of Ware in the said parish, and that a certain part of the said highway lying in the parish of Ware between Fanham's Hall and the highway leading from Ware Side to the town of Ware, containing in length 1056 yards and in breadth three yards, is out of repair, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Ware ought to repair the same.

66. 6 January. Petition of the inhabitants of Great Berkhamstead to the justices of the peace to make order for repairing the high street of Great Berkhamstead which is out of repair and so dirty that they cannot walk there without great inconvenience.

67. Petition of the inhabitants of Hertford to the justices of the peace. Shewing that the common gaol of the county by its situation in the heart of the town is rendered less capable of receiving the benefit of the free and open air than such places of confinement ought to be, and consequently by such enclosed situation is very liable in sickly seasons, especially when crowded, either originally to produce that pestilential distemper called the gaol fever or continue, if not to heighten, the malignity of it when brought thither by prisoners removed from infected gaols. The petitioners, in order to confirm the opinion they have advanced, show that about the time of the last assizes the gaol fever prevailed in a very bad manner in the said gaol, so that it was fatal not only to many prisoners, but to other persons who came upon business, and the father and mother of one poor prisoner who came to see their son caught the fever and perished of the same. And that the apprehension of the petitioners is not mere conjecture, they desire to call to the remembrance of the bench the account given of the Black Assize at Oxford, at which the judge, the high sheriff, most of the grand jury and about 200 or 300 persons of less note perished by the infection from the pestilential smell of the prisoners. And lately there have been two notorious instances (amongst others less remarkable). The first of these happened at the assizes held at Blandford about

twenty years ago, when Lord Chief Baron Pengelley, the high sheriff, several of the grand jury, two sergeants at law, and divers others of less note died of the distemper caught from the prisoners. The second instance happened at the Old Bailey about seven years ago at the trial of some prisoners (brought from Newgate when it was greatly infected) where the Lord Mayor, Justice Abney, Mr. Baron Clarke, some of the counsel, divers of the jury and many others perished.

Petitioners further show that they have been informed that very great benefits have been received in such places of confinement where ventilators have been used for discharging foul infected air and introducing large quantities of pure and wholesome air, and they conceive that if the example of some counties in England and Ireland, in providing ventilators for the public gaols, was to become more universal, great numbers of lives would be annually saved and much misery, distress and unhappiness prevented. They therefore pray the justices of the peace to order a proper ventilator to be fixed on the said gaol, which may be done at a moderate expense to the county.

72. Account for repairs to the county bridges. New bridge is the only bridge named.

76. The gaoler's bill; from which it appears there was an epidemic of small pox at the gaol.

83. 2 October. Proposal by Richard Cutler to attend the diseased prisoners in the county gaol and house of correction and supply proper medicines, for 10*l.* a year. Accepted.

84. 2 October. Proposal by John Frost to do the like for 15*l.* a year. Rejected.

BUNDLE FOR 1759.

42. Presentment that two rods of new brickwork is necessary to be done at the bridge across the River Rib at Buntingford for making the same convenient to passengers.

53. 8 January. Proposals by Thomas Yeoman for ventilating Hertford gaol: If it be determined to work the ventilators

by a windmill in the same manner as those in Bedford, Aylesbury and Maidstone gaols and St. George's Hospital, the windmill carrying eight sails and two large ventilators whose midriffs shall be 10 feet long and 5 feet broad, and whose capacity shall be 20 inches deep on the clear, with all the branching and perpendicular pipes for ventilating the two dungeons and two day rooms for the felons; also the four lodging rooms and four day rooms for the debtors. together with all the materials that may be necessary for the complete working of the windmill and ventilators; also for altering the tiling next the yard so far as it may be necessary for erecting the works and securing of the places where apertures must be cut for conveying of the foul air from the wards to the ventilators. The whole expense will be 150*l.*

58. Account for work done on Standon, Braughing, Wadesmill and Fore bridges.

BUNDLE FOR 1760.

57. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the town of Waltham Holy Cross in the County of Essex to the City of London, and that a certain part of the said highway called Waltham Lane, lying in the parish of Cheshunt, containing in length 820 yards and in breadth seven yards, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Cheshunt ought to repair the same.

59. Presentment that there is a certain common footway leading from Small Lea Bridge into and through a certain field called Brickhouse Field, lying in the parish of Cheshunt, and thence towards Waltham Cross, which is in decay, and that Nicholas Phipp of Enfield, in the county of Middlesex, butcher, ought to repair the same by reason of his tenure of Brickhouse Field.

65. 6 October. Proposal by William Hunt and William Blow to relieve, lodge, maintain and convey vagrants through every part of the County for 200*l.* a year. Accepted.

79. Account for building New bridge.

BUNDLE FOR 1761.

35. 10 Aug. Recognizance for the appearance of John Gee and John Sutton of King's Langley, to give evidence against Patrick Marrow, Edward Kinant, Richard Plunkett, Thomas Plunkett, Matthew Plunkett, and Patrick King, charged with riotously assembling at Kings Langley, and assaulting, shooting at and wounding Gilbert Campbell, gentleman, Thomas Bean, husbandman, William Durrant, cordwainer, and John Coleman, labourer, all of Kings Langley.

63 & 64. Indictments of the above named rioters. All pleaded guilty. Patrick Marrow, discharged, having enlisted. Edward Kinant and Richard Plunkett fined 1s. each, and committed to gaol for two months. Thomas Plunkett, Matthew Plunkett, and Richard King fined 1s. each, and committed to gaol for one month.

66. October 18. Inquest on George Cordell, who was suffocated by excessive eating and drinking.

99. 30th March. Calendar of the Prisoners in the county gaol. John Smith charged with threatening to set the town of Puckeridge on fire and appearing to be a lunatic.

BUNDLE FOR 1762.

70a 20 September. Certificate by John Oliver, teacher of God's Word, Phineas Stratton, Joseph Elmes, and John Fitton that a messuage or tenement on Butcher Hall Green in the Parish of St. John in the town of Hertford, formerly in the occupation of Thomas Delamott, but now in the holding of Phineas Stratton, is a place of meeting for religious worship of a congregation dissenting from the Church of England.

73. Account for repairs to the county bridges.

78. 12 July. Proposal by William Hunt and William Blow to maintain and convey vagrants through the county for three years, upon such terms as they are now under.

95. Calendar of prisoners in the house of correction at Hemel Hempstead. Zachary Webb committed for having deserted from the King's Volunteers.

100. Gaol Calendar. John Holden, committed to the house of correction at Hertford, for deserting his family, to be publicly whipped once a month in different market towns.

BUNDLE FOR 1763.

95. 10 January. Presentment that High Bridge in the parish of Sawbridgeworth is in decay, and that the same has always been repaired at the expense of the county. Order to take a survey and report on expenses at next session.

97. 19 July. Presentment that there is no proper house of correction in the hundred of Dacorum.

Note. It is the opinion of the Court that there ought to be a house of correction for the said hundred, and it is ordered that Mr. Justice Noyes do consider a proper place for building the same and prepare an estimate of the expense to be laid before the Court next Session.

100. Indictment of Joseph Moulding of Stevenage, laborer, for exercising the trade of a butcher without having been apprenticed 7 years.

Found not guilty.

112. Like indictment of Dearmer Titmus of Stevenage, victualler.

Found not guilty.

103. Indictment of Thomas Whitenail of St. Andrews, Hertford, cordwainer for stealing a linen shirt of the value of 4*s.*, a pair of shoes of the value of 2*d.*, and a pair of stockings of the value of 4*d.*, the goods of Turner Godfrey.

Ordered to be transported for 7 years.

114. 15 Octr. Petition by R. Chase and others to the Lord Chancellor, shewing that on 31 July last the parish church of All Saints in the town of Hertford which is a very ancient structure, was by a violent storm and tempest greatly damaged and is now dangerous for the inhabitants to assemble in; and it appears that it must be taken down and rebuilt, the expense of which will amount to 3500*l.* and upwards; that the inhabitants, being chiefly tenants of small farms at rack rents, are unable to raise the said sum. They there-

fore pray a grant of letters patent to empower the inhabitants to collect alms in England, Berwick-upon-Tweed and the counties of Flint Denbigh and Radnor for rebuilding the said Church.

118. Bill of the executors of Bostock Toller, deceased, late Clerk of the Peace for business done for the county, from 7 October 1754 to 29 July 1761.

121. Bill of Henry Thorowgood, Clerk of the Peace from Michaelmas 1761 to Michaelmas 1762.

126. Account for repairs &c. necessary to complete a house of correction at Berkhampstead St. Peter.

BUNDLE FOR 1764.

7. 9 January. Order for leave for waggoners to draw with 5 horses up Chalk Hill from the turnpike gate near Watford to Mr. Capper's House, and from the bottom of Clay Hill to Sparrows Hern, till 1 May next. All this road is in the parish of Bushey.

146. Examination of Ezekiel Humphrey of Aldbury, draper. On 8th August last he came from London in the Watford stage coach having been there to receive payment for a parcel of wool. He lodged that night at the Saracens Head, Kings Langley. The landlord and another man sat with him in the public room and told him he had better count his money before going to bed as there were some "lose Irishmen" in the house. He laid his money on the table and saw the landlord touch it and then he missed "five Moidores"

147. Indictment of William Chappell of Meesden, laborer for stealing two turkeys of the value of 7*s*. one drake of the value of 6*d*. and one duck of the vulue of 6*d*.

Found guilty and ordered to be transported for 7 years.

157. Indictment of John Smith of Flamstead, labourer, for stealing one hempen sack of the value of 1*s*.

To be whipped next Saturday in Hertford Market and then to be discharged without paying fees.

161. Indictment of Lucretia, wife of John Wright of Broxbourne, labourer, for stealing a box iron of the value of 8*s*.

Found guilty and ordered to be transported for seven years.

164. Presentment by Richard Hassell, justice of the peace, that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway leading from the parish of Kelshall to the town of Buntingford, and that a part thereof in the parish of Therfield, in length one mile, and in breadth 10 ft., was and is in decay, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the parish of Therfield. They plead guilty by Edward Fordham, and are fined 1*s*.

179. Bill for work done at Chapel Bridge, Buntingford.

182. 7 July. Kelshall, near Royston. Richard Hassell to the clerk of the peace. Of the two parishes whose roads I presented at the last Sessions, Therfield has done what I could reasonably expect, but Buckland hardly anything; what they have done, is very imperfect for want of stones, the farmers having refused to come in with their teams, though there were labourers and stones ready. I hope the bench will distinguish between the two cases.

183. 1 October. Kelshall, the same to the same. Requesting the withdrawal of the presentment against the inhabitants of the parish of Therfield for not repairing the roads, which are now repaired.

BUNDLE FOR 1765.

116. Indictment of John Millington of Stevenage, laborer, for striking and injuring the horse on which Richard Griscorn was carrying the "public mail" from Hitchin to the General Post Office in London, thereby rendering him incapable of carrying the mail any further.

Found guilty, and ordered to be whipped at Hertford and imprisoned till next session.

121. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the parish of Kelshall to the town of Buntingford, and that a certain part of the same highway lying in the parish of Buckland,

containing in length half-a-mile, and in breadth 10 feet, is out of repair, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Buckland ought to repair the same. The parish pleaded guilty, and were fined 1*s*.

126. Presentment that there is a highway called Hatch Lane, leading from the village of Weston to the town of Baldock, and that a certain part of the said highway lying in the parish of Weston, containing in length 164 poles, and in breadth four poles, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Weston ought to repair the same.

Found not guilty.

127. Indictment of John Smith of St John's, Hertford, laborer, for stealing two linen shirts of the value of 7*s*.

Found guilty, and to be transported for seven years.

128. Indictment of Joseph Hawley of Great Gaddesden, chimney sweeper, for stealing five bushels of soot, of the value of 3*s*. 4*d*.

Found guilty, and to be transported for seven years.

131. Presentment that there is a common highway leading from a certain place in the parish of Tewin called Tewin Lower Green to the town of Hertford, and that a certain part of the said highway in the parish of St Andrew, Hertford, between the boundary of the said parish of St Andrew next adjoining to the parish of Tewin, and a certain place in the parish of St Andrew called Poplars Hill, containing in length 155 perches, and in breadth 10 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of St Andrew ought to repair the same.

Endorsed "Not found."

142. Indictment of Thomas Samuel of Harpenden, labourer, for breaking out of the gaol at Hertford.

152. Bill for work done to County Bridges—Standon Bridge, "Wordsmill" Bridge and Buntingford Bridge.

161. 8 Jan. W. Hatfield and another to the justices of the peace. Francis Field, the master of the house of correction for the half-hundred of Hitchin, being dead and his widow being very infirm and in the 80th year of her age, has prayed us

to intercede on her behalf to be appointed keeper of the said house, who (with the assistance of her son, who assisted his father many years) we believe will be capable of the care of the said house.

Marked, appointed.

BUNDLE FOR 1766.

97. Indictment of Cæsar Saunders, keeper of the gaol in Hertford, for allowing Samuel Timson of Flamstead, labourer, to break out of the said gaol.

101. Indictment of William Ashpole of Flamstead, labourer, for stealing an iron cutting bill of the value of 10*d*.

Ordered to be whipped privately and discharged.

102. Presentment that there is a highway called the Lower Way, leading from the town of Hertford to the town of Ware, and that a certain part thereof lying in the liberty of Little Amwell, containing in length 140 perches, and in breadth six feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the said liberty of Little Amwell ought to repair the same.

104. Indictment of Mary Gray of Widford, spinster, for stealing a stuff gown value 2*s*., a linen shift value 1*s*., and a linen handkerchief value 4*d*.

Found guilty and ordered to be burnt in the hand in open court immediately.

113. Indictment of Jacob Ingram of King's Langley, laborer, and William Brown of the same, laborer, for stealing certain coins to the value of 12*s*. 8*d*,

Found guilty and ordered to be transported for seven years.

117. Indictment of George Arnold of Stevenage, labourer, for stealing a cloth great coat, value 2*s*. 6*d*.

Found guilty and ordered to be burnt in the hand in open court immediately.

122. Presentment that Ford Bridge, standing on the Cambridge road, in the parish of Braughin, is so much out of repair that it must be new built.

124. Presentment that a proper watercourse is wanting to carry off the water from the gaol in Hertford into some common sewer, and that for want thereof the water settles in the yard of the Cross Keys Inn adjoining the said gaol.

125. Presentment that Standon Bridge is in decay.

126. Indictment of Thomas Kidman of Ashwell, yeoman, for exercising the trade of a butcher without having been apprenticed seven years.

127. 4 October, Certificate that a certain part of the highway leading from Hertford, lying in the liberty of Little Amwell, containing in length 140 perches, and in breadth six feet, has been repaired by the inhabitants of the liberty.

140. Work done on county bridges, viz.: Buntingford Bridge, Ford Bridge, Standon Bridge, and Wordsmill Bridge.

146. 21 December. Certificate by the Earl of Essex, Lord-Lieutenant of the county of Hertford, that the militia of the said county has been raised, and that the same was first raised in 1758, and now consists of one colonel, one lieutenant colonel, one major, three captains, nine lieutenants, three ensigns, one adjutant, 28 serjeants, 27 corporals, 18 drummers, and 538 privates. And that the said militia was trained and exercised for 28 days in October last.

BUNDLE FOR 1767.

48. 3 October. Recognizance for the appearance of John Williamson of Baldock, baker, to appeal against a conviction for selling two loaves at Baldock not duly marked.

72. 20 December. Examination of Francis Gibson, innholder, of Hatfield, as to a theft before he went to Barnet races.

80 & 81. 17 April. Presentment that the bridge at Wades Mill should be put into proper repair.

84. Indictment of John Harrison of Hertford, labourer, for stealing a handkerchief value 10*d.* and a pair of worsted stockings value 10*d.*

Found guilty, and ordered to be whipped in Hertford Market.

87. Indictment of John Rolfe of Berkhampstead St. Peter, labourer, for stealing one cock value 1*s*. and 5 hens value 5*s*.

Ordered to be transported for 7 years.

92, 120 & 121. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the village of Willian to the town of Hitchin, and that a certain part thereof lying between the Anchor alehouse in the village of Walsworth and the corner of a field called Much Wymondeley Field, containing in length 40 perches, and in breadth 1 perch, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Walsworth ought to repair the same.

96. Indictment of Thomas Gill of Much Hadham, labourer, for stealing a linen shirt value 1*s*. and another value 3*s*.

To be transported for 7 years.

97. Indictment of Jacob Wyley of Stevenage, carpenter, for stealing a pair of buckles made of silver and iron, value 3*s*. and a pair of leather pumps, value 1*s*. 6*d*.

To be whipped and discharged.

101. 27 July. Certificate by Richard Norris that the building of the new bridge called Ford Bridge over the river Rib has been done in a proper manner.

102. 3 October. Certificate that the roads and highways from the Anchor alehouse to the corner of Much Wymondeley Field, in the hamlet of Walsworth, in the parish of Hitchin, have been repaired.

104 & 113. Certificate by John Franklin that Wadesmill Bridge is greatly out of repair and too narrow for the passage of waggons.

124. 5 October. Meeting at the Bell Inn, Hertford, of the committee for erecting a county hall at Hertford. Present: The High Sheriff, Thomas Plumer Byde, Jacob Houblon, John Calvert, Timothy Caswall, George Jennings, Thomas Halsey, William Cowper, Frederick Young, Charles Barnes, John Searancke, and Henry Dunster, who, having taken the several plans into consideration for the building of a county hall, and finding it cannot be built upon the spot

where the present town hall now stands to answer the purposes of the county and conveniences of the market, are of opinion that piece of ground ought to be purchased convenient for the purpose of building the said intended county hall, which determination the committee hath ordered Sir Thomas Plumer Byde to report at the general quarter sessions of the peace.

The committee are desired by the court to meet again as often as they please, and to treat for the purchase of a piece of ground for the above purpose, and examine plans of the intended building, and to make their report at the adjournment of this session.

125. 19 November. Thundridge Bury. Letter from Gilbert Cooper and G. Webster to ———————. We think ourselves obliged as trustees of Master Gardiner's estate to remonstrate against stopping the two small arches of Wadesmill Bridge, as we apprehend it will be a considerable detriment to the mill, the houses in Wadesmill, and other parts of Master Gardiner's estate. We have taken a view of the bridge, and it appears to us upon the best information we can procure, that in almost every flood the two small arches convey a part of the water. We therefore hope that the present five arches will be suffered to remain.

126. 21 November. Report of the committee for erecting a county hall. Reciting the proceedings set out in No. 124, and further that the committee was of opinion "that it would "be more convenient that a sum not exceeding 6000*l* should "be raised by way of annuities for lives than by a rate on "the landholders as theretofore was proposed, and that it was "also their opinion that such annuities for lives should be "raised by the justices in sessions in the same manner as "the county stock is now raised, and to be paid out of the "same, and the committee then applied to Mr. Toller for the "purchase of the garden ground opposite the Blue Coat "Hospital rented by John Baker, and Mr. Toller could not "then give answer thereto, but promised so to do as soon as "possible.

"And the said Thomas Plumer Byde doth also report that

"another meeting of the said committee was held on "14 November, when Mr. Thorowgood on the behalf of Mrs. "and the two Mr. Tollers attended and informed the com-"mittee that they were willing to sell a part of the said "ground for the intended building, but not the whole. And "the committee then reconsidered the scheme proposed at "the last meeting for raising the money, and likewise the "former plan for charging the sum to be raised upon the "landowners, but did not think proper to come to any "resolution thereupon, and therefore submit both the methods "proposed for raising the said money to the determination of "the justices at the adjourned sessions this day holden, and "the said committee have likewise viewed the several plans "of the said intended building, and do submit the choice "of the said plans to the said justices."

127 & 129. 4 December. H. Thorowgood, clerk of the peace, to J. Gilbert Cooper and G. Webster, at Thundridgebury.

I am directed to acquaint you that Thomas Plumer Byde, Esq., justice of the peace, laid your letter to him of 19 November last before the justices at the adjournment of the quarter sessions, and the justices taking the contents of it into consideration ordered that before Wades Mill Bridge is begun to be repaired and widened, Richard Norris of Castle Yard, London, the surveyor on behalf of the county, shall meet your surveyor and view the said bridge and consider whether it will be necessary to keep open the two small arches, and that the said two surveyors shall be desired to make their report thereof to the justices of the peace at the next general quarter sessions.

131. 28 December. Certificate by the Earl of Essex that the militia of the county of Hertford has been raised and consists of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 6 captains, 8 lieutenants, 1 adjutant, 28 serjeants, 28 corporals, 18 drummers, and 532 privates and was trained and exercised for 28 days in May last.

BUNDLE FOR 1768.

57. 30 June. Recognizance for the appearance of John Huckle

of Royston, baker, to appeal against a conviction for selling eight penny wheaten loaves upon none of which was marked a large Roman W.

38. A similar Recognizance.

39. Ditto.

68. 21 November. Depositions of James Warrick, constable of the parish of Standon. That on Saturday night last he was called to arrest some rioters in the house of James Barnes called *The Crown* at Wadesmill where he was assaulted.

71. 23 November. Depositions of James Barnes. That on Saturday night last there was a riot and disturbance at his house and during the time of the riot William Dale and others burst into a room where the club usually met and where a box containing 22*l.* was kept, and when the company had gone the box was missing and he believes it was taken away by one of the said rioters.

73. Indictment of Elizabeth, wife of Robert Griffin of Hemel Hempstead, labourer, for stealing a linen sheet, value 2*s.*

Ordered to be publicly whipped at Hertford next morning at 8 o'clock.

74. Indictment of Richard Greenham of Bishop's Hatfield sawyer and William Bebby of the same, tripeman, for stealing two turkeys, value 1*l.* 1*s.*, three ducks, value 3*s.*, six hens, value 6*s.*, and 9 chickens, value 18*s.*

Ordered to be transported for 7 years.

77. Indictment of John Saunderson of St. Andrew's, Hertford, labourer, for stealing a linen bed sheet, value 2*s.*

Ordered to be whipped publicly at Hertford next morning at 8 o'clock.

79. Indictment of Samuel Greatrix and Isaac Hanbury of Shenley laborers, for stealing a goose, value 2*s.*

Ordered to be privately whipped immediately and then discharged

82. Indictment of William Knight of Hemel Hempstead, paper maker, for stealing a pair of worsted stockings, value 2*s.*

To be transported for 7 years.

83. Joseph Cronen convicted for stealing fire wood to be privately whipped immediately and discharged.

88. Account of moneys disbursed by the keeper of the house of correction at Hertford. William Webbe and Miles Clark ordered to be whipped, 10*s*. Richard Morgan ordered to be whipped 1*l*. 1*s*. Thomas Biffin ordered to be whipped 5*s*. Bardolph Read ordered to be whipped 3 times 15*s*. Sarah Packer ordered to be whipped 5*s*. &c.

93. Account for county bridges, viz: New bridge and Standon bridge.

97. Certificate by Richard Norris as to Wadesmill Bridge.

99. Payments for Buntingford Bridge and New Bridge.

100. Account for repairs to Wadesmill Bridge.

101. Work at the county bridge at Sawbridgeworth.

103. 30 July. Grosvenor Street, James Adam to ——— "According to your desire I send you enclosed the bill for the different designs of the Shire House with the estimates and other expenses. If the number of the designs that have been done and the time and trouble about this affair is fully considered, I am persuaded the gentlemen will find this bill to be very moderately charged, which will give me great pleasure." *Holograph.*

104. Enclosure to the above. The honourable the justices of the peace of Hertford to Robert and James Adam, architects.

"1767. Sept. 26. First design. To a plan of the first floor of the Shire House proposed to be built in the market place at Hertford. To a plan of the second or one pair of stairs story. To an elevation of the principal front towards the market place. To an elevation of the back front—35*l*.

Second design. To a plan of the first floor of a Shire House proposed to be built in a garden at one end of the town. To a plan of the second or one pair of stairs story. To an elevation of the principal front—30*l*.

November 13. Third design. To a plan of a shire house of one floor only for the same situation, leaving out the council room. To an elevation of the principal front of this design—25*l*.

Fourth design. To a plan of the Shire House of one floor only for the same situation, leaving out the council room as above, but adding a hall, ante-room and retiring rooms. To an elevation of the principal front of this design with a semi circular portico—25*l.*

1768. January 9. Fifth design. To a plan for the first floor of the design for the market place with various alteraations and the courts of justice and corn market enlarged, &c. To a plan of the second or one pair of stairs story. To an elevation of the principal front of this design. To an elevation of the back front of ditto. To an elevation of one of the ends. To a section of the building from east to west. To a section of ditto from north to south—30*l.*

July 9. Sixth design. To a plan of the Shire House for the market place, leaving out the county room. To a plan of the second or one pair of stairs story. To an elevation of the principal front of this design. To an elevation of the back front. To an elevation of one of the ends. To a section of the building from east to west. To a section of ditto from south to north—30*l.*

To a particular estimate of the fifth design—15*l.* 15*s.*

To a particular estimate of the sixth ditto—12*l.* 12*s.*

To 3 journeys to Hertford on this business, with expenses —15*l.* 15*s.* To 3 days attendance at the Committees at the of the Houses of Lords and Commons upon the bill for the Shire House 3*l.* 3*s.* Total 222*l.* 5*s.*

104a 17 September. Richard Norris to the justices of the peace. —"I received a letter from your clerk, Mr. Nicol, dated the 11th of August last. The purport was, I might if I pleased, attend at the adjournment with my plans, divested of all superfluous ornaments, it being the sense of the gentlemen to build the Shire House in as plain and neat a manner as they can, convenient with the necessary conveniences required therein.

I beg leave, gentlemen, to acquaint you that I could not with any propriety, deviate from the plans that was so unanimously approved of on the 11th of July last or exhibit any new ones according to your advertisement. The plans

and estimate that was then approved of I am ready to enter into contract for. If this is not agreeable, I hope you will order satisfaction to be made me for the various plans, journeys, and expenses."

105. Application of Henry How of Colney to be a licensed lader, badger or kidder of corn. "He is a householder, married, "and above thirty years of age and of a sober conversation. "The above qualifications I can bear witness to. P. New-"come, rector of Shenley."

106. John Hobbe to the churchwardens and overseers of the parish of Hitchin. "I take this method to acquaint you that the Lord by his divine providence has been pleased to afflict me in such a manner with a violent fever for this four days that it has brought me so low and weak that I am not able to appear tomorrow at quarter sessions without hazarding my life. The truth of this you will find verified underneath by the doctor that attends me.

I am very sorry that I should give you any trouble on any account. I truly repent of what I have done and as there's grace in store for repenting sinners I make no doubt of finding mercy from you. Therefore, I hope, gentlemen, you will be as favourable as possible to me."

The certificate of Thomas Shield, surgeon, appears below.

107. 2 October. Kelshall, near Royston. Letter from R. Hassell to the Deputy Clerk of the Peace. Refers to the case of William Hubbard. "Your postmaster ought to be "reprimanded, for he sends my letters on to London, by "which they are two days coming and cost 6*d.*; whereas they "might come directly to Royston for one penny."

110. 10 November. Minutes of proceedings at a meeting of the acting justices of the peace at the Star and Garter in Pall Mall, at which were present Sir Richard Chase, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Cowper, and the Rev. Rowland Johnson.

At this meeting Mr. Adams attended, and it was proposed to him to purchase the materials of the present Shire House at Hertford, with the messuages, sheds, stalls and shambles as now standing, at the valuation of two indifferent persons, one to be chosen by the justices of the peace and the other by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams undertakes to begin to pull down the said Shire House and buildings immediately after the next Lent assize, and to erect and cover in the intended new Shire House before the end of November, 1769, and to complete the whole before Michaelmas, 1770.

Mr. Adams having here delivered a general plan which this meeting approves of, is desired to bring at the next meeting a more particular description of the scantlings of the timbers and every other part of the intended building, in order to enable this committee to make a report at the next quarter sessions.

This meeting is adjourned to the 28th instant at 5 in the afternoon.

At a meeting held on 28 November, at the Star and Garter, Pall Mall, Mr. Adams attended and produced a particular description of scantlings of timbers, brickwork, stone and all other materials for the Shire House and Assembly Rooms, to be executed according to his reduced plan and estimate, now delivered in for the sum of £4550—£550 part thereof will be incurred by the addition of the Assembly Room, which is to be paid out of the subscription for that purpose.

Mr. Adams to be paid in manner following:—£1000 on signing the articles; £1000 on laying the first story; £1000 on covering in; £1000 at Midsummer, 1770, and the remainder when completed.

111 & 112. 24 December—Certificate by the Earl of Essex that the militia of the county of Hertford consists of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 6 captains, 10 lieutenants, 8 ensigns, 1 adjutant, 28 serjeants, 27 corporals, 18 drummers, and 533 privates, and that it was trained and exercised for 28 days in October last.

BUNDLE FOR 1769.

19. 3 April. Writ to summon a jury to ascertain what sums of money shall be paid for the purchase of certain messuages, sheds, or shambles standing in the market place of Hertford, to the owners or occupiers thereof, the same to be pulled down in order that a new Shire Hall may be built.

20. Minutes of proceedings at quarter sessions, 3 April, 1769.

Ordered that the five articles (amounting to £321 15s. 6d.), laid before the court at the last sessions as propositions for the strength of the new Shire House, and referred to the consideration of the court, be received and added to Mr. Adams' reduced plan, already adopted for building a new Shire House for the use of the county. And that the said new Shire House be built with the said five additional articles, and that Mr. Adams be paid the sum of £321 15s, 6d. over and above the sum of £4,400 already agreed to be paid him for building the said Shire House, pursuant to his said reduced plan, when completed.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to Mr. Richard Norris, of Castle Yard, London, out of the moneys raised or to be raised in pursuance of an Act for building the new Shire House, the sum of £73 10s. 0d. for his trouble in preparing plans and estimates not adopted for building the said House, Mr. Norris to be forthwith informed of this.

Order for payment of work done at Hertford bridewell.

Ordered that a 3*d*. Shire House Rate be raised, and precepts sent out as was done in the case of the 2*d*. rate.

Ordered that Sarah Miles be discharged from her apprenticeship to Thomas Hunt, and committed to the Bridewell for three months, and to be twice publicly whipped in that time—once on Saturday "sennight," and once on the last Saturday before her discharge.

Sessions adjourned to the Bell Inn at Hertford, on 15 May next at 10 a.m.

24. Notice of the levy of a rate of 6*d*. in the pound for highways in the parish of Shenley.

25. 5 July. Order allowing any number of horses not exceeding ten for four wheeled waggons having the soles or fellies of the wheel of the breadth of 9 inches and of any number drawing at length for 4 wheeled waggons not exceeding six having the soles of the wheels of less breadth than 9 inches, for drawing such waggons up the hill called Chalk Hill leading from Watford to Bushey Hill and up the hill called Clay Hill leading from Bushey to Sparrows Herne,

pursuant to the Act intituled An Act for amending, widening altering and keeping in repair the road from the south end of Sparrows Herne on Bushey Heath through the market towns of Watford, Berkhampstead, St. Peter's and Tring by Pottiphers Elms to the turnpike road at Watton near Aylesbury.

67, 68. 31 October. Examination of James Harras of Hatfield, bricklayer. He deposes that last night he was at the house of Mr. Prachett at the *Eight Bells* at Hatfield, in company with one Henry Batley a fiddler, who had been there ever since Saturday, and several other persons. That they were dancing till about 10 o'clock at night when they were going home, but stayed on account of the rain. Mr. Pratchett came into the house and said he had lost a silver spoon; on which the deponent proposed that the company should be searched. Soon after they began to search each other Batley called out. "Mr. Pratchett here's your spoon, I have found it" and then laid it on the dresser.

Henry Batley, being examined, confesses that the said spoon was found in his pocket but does not know how it came there.

80. Presentment that there is a common and ancient footway leading from the village of Great Hadham over and across Ippollitts Common in the parish of Ippollitts to the town of Hitchin, and that a certain part thereof lying in the said parish of Ippollitts, between a certain close in the same parish called Brookpiece and the boundary or end of the said Common next adjoining to a brook called Wymondeley Brook containing in length 10 poles and in breadth 6 feet, is out of repair, and that the Inhabitants of the parish of Ippollitts ought to repair the same.

84. Presentment of Richard Green, clerk of Bishops Stortford, for assaulting Nathaniel Howard, usher. "Not found."

85. Indictment of William Lillyston of Bishop Stortford, for stealing 20lbs. weight of wrought iron, value 9d.

To be publicly whipped and discharged.

88. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the

village of Much Wymondeley to Hitchin, and that a certain part thereof lying between Much Wymondeley Brook and a certain place called Hitchin Towns End, containing in length 500 perches and in breadth 30 feet; also that there is a common footway leading from the village of Much Hadham to Hitchin, and that a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Hitchin, between Great Wymondeley Brook and a certain place called Hitchin Towns End, containing in length 500 perches and in breadth six feet, is out of repair, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Hitchin ought to repair the said highway and footway.

92. Account for *inter alia* "putting up and taking down the pound for the Sessions."

95. Account of moneys disbursed by the keeper of the county gaol for whipping and burning in the hand various prisoners. The payment for each punishment seems to have been 5*s*. There was a great mortality amongst the prisoners in the gaol.

99, 100, & 101. Payments for Buntingford Bridge, New Bridge, Wades Mill Bridge, and the county bridge at Sawbridgeworth.

105. Orders touching the erection of a new shire hall at Hertford, which was to face on the high street. The committee rejected all propositions which appeared to be only ornamental, and left for the consideration of the justices whether there should be a stone cornice and blocking course round the building instead of wood, and stone sills to the windows instead of lead, and stone steps and landings to the great stairs with an iron rail instead of wood, and stone plinths and copings to the piers in the front of the corn market and hall.

106. 6 May. Inquisition held at the Town Hall, Hertford, in pursuance of an Act entitled "An Act for taking down the "present Shire House in the Market Place of the town of "Hertford, in the county of Hertford, and for building a new "one on a more extensive and commodious plan in the market "place of the said town."

The jurors assess and ascertain that the sum of £19 10*s*.

shall be paid for the purchase of a certain shed or shamble, late the property of Dr. Guyce, standing in the Market Place, in the occupation of Charles Hills. And in case the owner cannot produce a clear title to the said shed, the jurors order the treasurer of the moneys raised and to be raised for the purposes of the said Act to pay the said £19 10*s*. into the hands of the clerk of the peace for the county of Hertford, for the use of the parties interested therein.

132. Gaol Calendar. John Stevens committed for stealing 11 trout out of the river running through Esquire Branch's "garden."

BUNDLE FOR 1770.

66. Indictment of Samuel Keene, of Flamstead, labourer, for stealing a fustian coat, value 20*s*., a fustian waistcoat, value 10*s*., a pair of leather breeches, value 12*s*., a silk handkerchief, value 2*s*., a linen handkerchief, value 6*d*., and a pair of leather gloves, value 6*d*.

Ordered to be burnt in the hand and imprisoned for 6 weeks.

68. Indictment of Samuel Harris for attempting to ravish Sarah Hilyard against her will.

Pleaded guilty and fined 6*s*. 8*d*.

70. Indictment of John Lee of Gravely, labourer, for stealing a waggoner's whip value one shilling.

Ordered to be transported for 7 years.

83. 29 September. Certificate that at a general meeting of the trustees appointed for putting in execution an Act for repairing the road from Galley Corner to Lemmsford Mill the following order was made: "That it being impracticable "for any wagon or any other four wheeled carriage with the "weight allowed for the same to be drawn up certain hills "without great hazard. It is ordered that any number of "horses not exceeding ten to be used for drawing up wagons "with 9 inch wheels, and not exceeding six for wagons with "wheels of not less than 9 inches for drawing up the following

"hills, viz.: a certain hill from the lane leading from North "Mimms, in the Parish of North Mimms, to Bell Barr con- "taining in length 80 poles, a hill from the post by the Lawn "Barn Pond in the parish of Hatfield to the farther gate post "of the Earl of Salisbury's Park, containing in length 43 "poles; two other hills through the town of Hatfield, from "the corner of the wall by the Chequer Inn in Hatfield, "through the High Street and through the Back Street to a "post opposite the house of Mr. John Heaveside in Hatfield, "containing in length through the High Street 61 poles, and "through the Back Street 58 poles.

14. 30 September. Certificate that a part of the highway in the parish of Ippoletts, for which the inhabitants of the said parish stand indicted, has been repaired.

90. Account for setting up a temporary session house in Hertford.

BUNDLE FOR 1771.

21. 15 July. Order at Quarter Sessions upon the petition of James Swain, apprentice to John Howard, of Stevenage, wheelwright, to be relieved upon certain neglects of his said master in not instructing him in his trade, and the ill-usage of the said master towards the said apprentice by beating him, and the said master having been summoned to appear to answer the said complaint and being heard; it is ordered that the said James Swain be freed from his apprenticeship, and that the said John Howard pay back to John Swaine, father of the said apprentice, the sum of 6*l* 6*s*., part of the money received by the said John Howard as a consideration for taking the said apprentice.

22. 14 August. Order by the Trustees of the Dunstable District, at their meeting held at the Bull Inn, in Dunstable. Recites that upon complaint made it appeared to them that it is impracticable for any wagon or other four-wheeled carriage, with the weights to the same respectively allowed by the laws now in being, to be drawn without inconvenience up a certain hill called Lilly Hoe Hill, beginning at a certain hedge-corner now belonging to Mr. Henry Weston, and leading thence to the top of the said hill in the County of Hertford, and containing in length 1 furlong and 20 poles, and also up the other side of the said hill, beginning at a hunting gate belonging to Thomas Sheppard, Esq., to the top of the said hill on the west side thereof, in the Counties of Hertford and Bedford, and containing in length 2 furlongs and 36 poles, which terminations, at each end thereof, are to be marked by posts to be erected at such respective boundaries.

Ordered that waggons or other four-wheeled carriages having wheels of the breadth of nine inches may be drawn with any number of horses not exceeding ten, and that waggons or other four-wheeled carriages having wheels of

less breadth than nine inches may be drawn with any number of horses, not exceeding six, up the said hills from such respective distances.

99. Easter Session. Presentment that High Bridge in the parish of Sawbridgeworth is out of repair, and that the same is a County bridge and ought to be repaired at the expense of the County.

101. Presentment that the High Bridge in Sawbridgeworth, which is a County bridge, is very old and ruinous, the timbers having in several places lost their hold and being much decayed.

NOTE.—The daily traffic over the said bridge with loaded waggons is very considerable, it being in the road to the wharf on the navigable river, and to Stansted Deal.

Mr. Norris or some other substantial person of the parish of Sawbridgeworth must appear before the grand jury at the Quarter Sessions or Assizes, and make oath of the condition of the bridge from a survey, and likewise of its being a County bridge.

104 & 104a. Indictment of James Peacock, of Green Street, in the parish of Shenley, labourer. The jurors present that a certain issue joined at the Assizes held for the County of Hertford, on 9th July, 11 George III., wherein Charles Mason, Esq., was plaintiff, and Thomas Jemmitt, Esq., defendant, concerning a plea of unjustly taking and detaining cattle of the said Charles Mason by the said Thomas Jemmitt, came to be tried by a jury. And upon the trial of the said issue it became a material question between the parties whether the steers of any person having right of common upon a certain common called Boreham Wood, otherwise Barham Wood, in the parish of Idlestree, had ever been impounded for being put in and upon the said common or not. The jurors further present that the said James Peacock, being called as a witness on behalf of the said Thomas Jemmitt, took his oath to speak the truth, and that he then and there falsely and corruptly deposed that he had impounded the steers of Mr. Johnson who lived at Coventry Farm, and that the said Mr. Johnson was a commoner,

meaning that he, the said James Peacock, had impounded the steers of one ——— Johnson, of Coventry Farm, for being put in and upon the said common called Boreham Wood, otherwise Barham Wood Common, the said ——— Johnson having a right of common upon the said common at the time of impounding such steers; whereas in truth and in fact the said ——— Johnson never did put any steers upon the said common, and the said James Peacock never did impound the steers of the said ——— Johnson for being put in and upon the said common. The jurors present that the said James Peacock did therefore commit wilful and corrupt perjury.

Endorsed "A true bill."

116. Indictment of ——— Ayley, of Bishop Stortford, spinster, for stealing a linen shirt value 2*s*.

Ordered to be publicly whipped on Saturday next between the hours of 12 and 1, and then discharged.

131. Indictment of Joseph South, of Wheathamstead, labourer, for stealing a watch in a silver case value 1*l* 10*s*.

"To be burnt in the hand and discharged."

132. 24 December. Certificate by James, Viscount Cranborne, that the Militia of the County of Hertford has been raised and now consists of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, four captains, seven lieutenants, one adjutant, 28 sergeants, 27 corporals, 18 drummers, and 459 privates, and that the same were trained and exercised for 28 days in May and June last.

137. Estimate by James Adam* for painting to be done at the Shire House of the County and town of Hertford, viz.: in the Assembly room, the Council room, the Grand Jury room, and the ante-room, 78*l* 6*s*.

140. Plan and elevation of a bridge proposed to be built by John Glyn over the river in the parish of Sawbridgeworth.

142. Estimate of extra work proposed to be done at the Shire House:—

To execute a neat mahogany desk for the record room

* The famous architect who, with his brother Robert, built the Adelphi, &c.

complete with hinges, locks, etc., including two deal stools, 7*l* 10*s*.

To make four stone cisterns in the corn market fixed upon brickwork with lead pipe in the middle of the said upright work down to the drain, which are likewise to be done for conveying the "urn" [urine] into cesspools in the street, 11*l* 12*s*.

To execute ironwork in the two side arches of principal front, fixed about 8 feet high, and the centre archway, with folding gates, the same height as before, with a strong lock, and also folding iron gates the same height, with lock and key to the inside arch which leads from the hall to the corn market, 47*l* 15*s*.

Circular staircase. To take down the present stairs and wainscott the walls with two-inch oak planks, ten feet high, and a strong oak window frame. To put up iron bars about four or five inches asunder, and top, middle, and bottom rails behind the oak planking the same height, the said oak wainscotting; to be well secured to the wall and ironwork, strong bars of iron to be properly fastened to the window frame, and also to have an inside iron door, grated, with a lock and key, 92*l* 2*s*.

The carriage of ironwork from London to Hertford is not included in the above estimate.

163. Gaol calendar. Thomas Cheshire, charged with having enlisted in the regulars and not informing the Officer of his being in the Militia; committed for one month.

175. 30 January. Letter dated at the East India House, from C. Mitchell, Secretary to the Court of Directors of the East India Company, to Benjamin Rooke, Deputy Clerk of the Peace, "The Court of Directors having received the notice you have given them representing that an attempt had been made on the life of Thomas Parkinson, junior, whom the Court had appointed a cadet in the Company's service in the East Indies, and the necessity of his appearance as a witness against the person charged with that capital offence which will necessarily oblige him to postpone his departure for India by ship now allotted him to proceed on; the Court

therefore, in order to bring the offender to justice, and in compassion to Mr. Parkinson's misfortune, have commanded me to acquaint you that they very readily agree that he shall be no sufferer by the attendance he is obliged to give for bringing such a notorious offender to justice, and that they desire that Mr. Parkinson, as soon as he shall be relieved from such attendance, will call upon me here that the proper measures may be taken for the pursuit of his voyage to the post which has been assigned him by the Court."

177-184. Justices of the Peace qualification oaths.

185-201. Returns of the average prices of wheat, etc.

BUNDLE FOR 1772.

3. 15 February. Order by the Trustees of the Watton turnpike roads, held at the Bell Inn, Hertford, that any number of horses, not exceeding ten, may be used for drawing up waggons and carriages with nine-inch wheels, and not exceeding six, for waggons with wheels of less breadth for the purpose only of drawing up three hills in that part of the road between Watton and Ware, from and to such parts of them as are hereafter mentioned, viz.:—in going from Watton to Ware, from the arch at the bottom of the first hill to the corner of Woodhall Park at the top of the same hill; from Sacomb turnpike gate to the gate going to Sacomb Park; and from Ware Westmill to a gate on the right hand going to Ware Park Farm. Returning from Ware to Watton, from the pound at the bottom of the first hill to a gravel pit at the top of the same hill; from Ware to Westmill, to a blacksmith's shop at Turnhill; and from Sacomb turnpike gate aforesaid to the corner of Woodhall Park aforesaid.

5. Order upon the petition of Francis Bonys, late apprentice to Thomas Wortham, of Royston, grocer and tallow chandler, deceased, to be released from his apprenticeship upon the neglect and ill-usage of Hale Wortham, the administrator of the said Thomas Wortham, in not instructing him in his trade. The said Hale Wortham having been heard and not

clearing himself, it is ordered that the said Francis Bonys be discharged from his said apprenticeship, and that the said Hale Wortham deliver to the said Francis Bonys all his clothes, viz.: one coat, three waistcoats, one pair of breeches, some stockings and some aprons.

75-77. Presentments that a cart bridge in Theobald's Street hamlet is out of repair.

81. Presentment that certain parts of the County Gaol are ruinous.

84. Indictment of James Cocks, of Bishop's Hatfield, labourer, for stealing three linen shirts, value 7*s*. 6*d*.
"To be transported for seven years."

92. Indictment of Sarah Packer, of Bishop's Hatfield, single-woman, for assault.
"To be imprisoned in gaol three months and find two sureties for her good behaviour for three months afterwards, in 10*l*. each, and herself in 20*l*. or remain."

93. Indictment of Thomas Child, of Stapleford, labourer, for stealing one heaped bushel of wheat, value 7*s*.
"To be burnt in the hand and imprisoned one month."

94. Indictment of Thomas Hobbs, of Wheathampstead, labourer, for stealing a riding jacket, value 1*l*. 1*s*.
"To be burnt in the hand and imprisoned one month."

95. Indictment of John Clarke, of Hoddesdon, labourer, for stealing certain moneys.
"To be publicly whipt next Saturday between 12 and 1 o'clock, and discharged."

112. 22 April. Petition of the vicar, churchwardens, and overseers and inhabitants of Great Amwell, to the Justices of the Peace. Shewing that a number of idle and disorderly persons have, since the year 1768, annually assembled on Wednesday in Whitsun week in the public highway at Amwell End, in the parishes of Great and Little Amwell, to hold what they call Amwell End Fair there being no Charter, custom, or legal authority for holding the same. And the said assembly being a nuisance to the inhabitants and to travellers passing on the highway, and tending to

the encouragement of profaneness and immorality, they pray that the same may be suppressed.

113. Petition of Thomas Herbert Noyes and others, Justices of the Peace to the Lord Chancellor, shewing that the parish church of Ayot St. Lawrence is a very ancient structure, a great part of it having no other foundation than the bare surface of the earth, and is, by length of time, so much decayed, the walls cracked and bulged, part of the tower blown down, and in so ruinous a condition that it must in a great measure be taken down and rebuilt, the charge whereof upon moderate computation and estimate amounts to 1256*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*, exclusive of old materials; which was made to appear to us upon the oaths of William Axtell and John Parrot, able and experienced workmen and artificers who have carefully surveyed the same. That the inhabitants being chiefly tenants at rack rents and cottages (*sic*) are utterly incapable of raising such a sum among themselves.

They pray for a brief to enable them to collect alms for rebuilding the said church.

120. 13 January. Certificate by Robert Palmer that Mr. Adam has made good the defects in the Shire House.

125. 22 December. Certificate by James, Viscount Cranborne, that the Militia of the county of Hertford has been raised, and consists of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, four captains, seven lieutenants, one adjutant, 28 sergeants, 27 corporals, 18 drummers and 513 privates, and that they were trained and exercised for 28 days in May and June last.

133. 24 March, Ware. Letter from William Plumer Windus to ——— Of the reward for taking Joshua Parker, Daniel Parker had 20*l.*, Jane Walls 4*l.*, Thomas Barber 4*l.*, Anthony Groom 4*l.*, Richard Glasscock 4*l.*, and Samuel Howard 4*l.*

134-136. Account of expenses in connection with the prosecution of Joshua Parker and Samuel Dowsett, for committing burglary in the house of Daniel Parker.

140a. 12 April. Accounts for carpenters' work done at Wadesmill bridge and Standon bridge.

146. 1 October. Estimate by William Axtell, for taking down and rebuilding a church at Ayot St. Lawrence, exclusive of the old materials, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
Carpenter's work	372	5	2
Plumber's work	221	2	0
Glazier's work	23	7	0
Blacksmith's work	20	2	6
Painter's work	10	10	0
	£647	6	8

147. 1 October. Estimate by John Parrott for bricklayer's work to the same church, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.	
66 rod 125 feet brickwork at 8*l.* 8*s.* per rod	558	5	0	
21 square 96 feet tyling to "new ripp" at 14*s.* per square ...	15	17	2	
213 yards "rendering" to walls at 1*s.* per yard	10	13	0	
213 yards tile paving at 2*s.* 8*d.* per yard	28	8	0	
	612	13	2	(*sic*)
	3	11	0	
	£609	2	2	

179-192. Returns of the average prices of wheat &c.

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6. 27 January. Order in vestry (the parish is not stated) that the children of poor people who receive alms of the parish, and are above seven years of age, be bound apprentice to such masters as by lot fell out this day by drawing tickets

in vestry, by the consent of two justices of the peace; and that John Jones, Jasper Tenant, James Harrow, and Samuel Hatfield, be bound apprentice to sea service or some other proper masters, so soon as such masters can conveniently be procured, with five pounds bounty money with each from the gift and with the consent of the Earl of Salisbury.

17 February. Order that every master who accepts and signs this counterpart of an indenture for a poor parish boy or girl as an apprentice, shall, upon such assignment, be paid the sum of 3*l.* by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor, to clothe such apprentice.

7. Notice by Henry Smith and others to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Bishop's Hatfield, that they intend to appeal against an Order made at Petty Sessions at Hatfield, 20 March, for their receiving and providing each for a poor child as an apprentice.

28. 7 December. Order by the trustees under the Act of 2 George II. for amending, widening, altering and keeping in repair the road from the south end of Sparrows Herne, on Bushey Heath, through the market towns of Watford, Berkhamstead St. Peter's, and Tring, by Pottipher's Elms, to the turnpike road at Walton near Aylesbury, Co., Bucks.

It appearing that the rise of a certain hill called Chalk Hill, upon the turnpike road in the parish of Bushey, and of part of a hill called Clay Hill upon the same road, and in the said parish of Bushey, is more than four inches in a yard; the trustees therefore order and allow to be drawn up the said hill (between the post now erected on the south-east side of the turnpike gate at Watford, and the post now erected at the top of Chalk Hill, being in length 37 poles 8 feet; and also between the post now erected near the house now or late in the occupation of Capt. Simes at or near the bottom of Clay Hill, and the post now erected near the drain on the top of the said hill, being in length 87 poles 8 feet) waggons having the soles and bottoms of the fellies of the breadth of 9 inches, with ten horses, and carts having the like wheels with six horses, and waggons having wheels of the breadth of 6 inches, with seven horses, and

carts having the like wheels with five horses, and waggons having wheels of less breadth than 6 inches with five horses, and carts having the like wheels with four horses.

80. 4 October. Presentment that Ford Bridge in the parish of Braughin is so "blown" and damaged by the late floods that it is absolutely necessary that the same should be rebuilt.

87. Indictment of Thomas Timmins, of Wheathamstead, labourer, for stealing a guinea.

"Pleads his clergy. Ordered back to gaoler's house there to be privately whipped and discharged."

88. Indictment of Joseph Steward, of Great Hormead, labourer, for stealing a pair of worsted stockings value 10*d*.

Ordered to be whipped in the gaoler's house and discharged.

89. Indictment of Edward Overhill, of Bennington, labourer, for stealing a hen and ten chickens value 10*d*.

Ordered to be carried back to the gaoler's house and there whipped and discharged.

92. Indictment of Charles Saunders, of Standon, labourer, for stealing a bushel measure of wheat value 6*s*.

"To be burnt in the hand in court and imprisoned one month in gaol."

93. Indictment of John Branton, of Cheshunt, for stealing a tin pint pot, value 6*d*.

"To be privately whipped and discharged."

97. 23 December. Certificate by James, Viscount Cranborne, "Lieutenant" of Hertfordshire, that the Militia has been raised, and consists of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, five captains, four lieutenants, one adjutant, 28 sergeants, 27 corporals, 18 drummers and 514 privates, and that they were trained and exercised for 28 days in October last.

99. 1 January. An estimate of bricklayers' and plasterers' work to be done at the gaol of Hertford.

To make new stacks and hearths to eight wards; to stop, wash and lime-white all the ten wards and two dungeons, &c.

108. Account of money disbursed by the keeper of the gaol :—
For burning Thomas Childs and Thomas Hobbs in the hand, 10*s*. For whipping John Clarke, 5*s*. For subsisting Joseph Young, at 6*d*. per day, being 168 days, a deserter from the Militia he having no other subsistence, 4*l*. 4*s*. For 15 men and women ill with a fever and other distempers, and expenses attending the same 10*l*. 0*s*. 6*d*.

109. A bill for carpenter's work done at New Bridge and Standon Bridge.

112. A bill for work done at New Bridge which was broken down by a waggon.

121. 16 Sept. Undertaking by Charles Bangs, of Puckeridge, carpenter, to build a temporary bridge over the river at Ford Bridge near Braughin, for 15*l*., and also to keep the said temporary bridge in good repair till Midsummer next for 5*l*.

123. Account for taking about 8000 bricks and other materials out of the river at Ford Bridge, and cleaning and setting them up, 2*l*. 16*s*.

124. Estimate for building "a bridge near Ratlat." [Radlett?]

125. Estimate for the repair of the "Whipping House," at Hitchin.

127. Estimate for repairs to Hide Bridge.

153. 18 April. Thomas H. Noyes to ——— Niccols, Clerk of the Peace, asking him to receive of Mr. Hall 10*l*., being half a year's salary due to the keeper of the house of correction at Barkhamstead.

160-175. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

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5. Order at the General Quarter Sessions for the discharge of George Thredder from his apprenticeship with John Lloyd,

of Cheshunt, cordwainer, on account of his illtreatment by the said John Lloyd.

7. Like order for the discharge of Thomas Kefford, from his apprenticeship with James Markall, of Royston, baker, for neglecting his business and embezzling his master's goods.

69. 28 October. Depositions of Charles Hillary. That on Monday last, he went to St. Alban's with Thomas Kennedy, and called at Lord Grimstone's, who kept open house, and on their return home the said Kennedy killed a fowl the property of Mr. Hudson.

71. Depositions of Jane Child, grocer, of Hitchin. That Elizabeth Parr came into her shop in Bucklersbury, Hitchin, and asked for an ounce of nutmegs and secreted several nutmegs in her pocket and upon detection she offered the said Jane Child 5*l.* or a set of china not to prosecute.

80. Presentment by the grand jury that having examined the gaoler and apothecary concerning the distemper in the gaol they find by their report that it is owing to the smallness of the prison and the great number of prisoners confined therein; they therefore present that the said gaol is a nuisance and ought to be enlarged.

They also present that the County bridge which divides Hertford from Essex, situate in the road leading from Waltham Cross to Waltham Abbey is ruinous and impassable.

93. Indictment of Richard Matthews, of Much Hadham, labourer, for stealing a hempen sack, value 1*s.*, and half a bushel of barley, value 2*s.*

"To be publicly whipped next Saturday and discharged."

98. Indictment of William Aylott, otherwise Pallett, of Watton-at-Stone, labourer, for stealing one cloth great coat, value 10*s.*

"To be transported for seven years."

99. Petition of Joseph Ives and others of Aldbury to the Justices of the Peace. Shewing "that on Tuesday 26 July last between the hours of 12 and 4 in the afternoon there arose a violent wind attended with a terrible storm of hail with dreadful thunder and lightnings which began near the parish

of West Wycombe, in the County of Buckingham, and passed with great rapidity and fierceness through parts of the several parishes of West Wycombe, Great Messenden, Wendover, Halton, Aston Clinton, Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp, Pitstone, Ivinghoe and Edlesborough in the County of Buckingham, Puttenham, Northchurch and Aldbury, in the County of Hertford, and Eaton Maicy, in the County of Bedford; many of which hailstones measured several inches round, and where the storm fell, stripped, beat down, lay waste and destroyed all or the greatest part of the wheat, barley, beans, pease, oats and vitches which were then near full-corned and were very promising for a full crop; and that in all those different parishes many acres were so totally destroyed as not to be worth the expense of getting in, and the rest were so much damaged as to be of little worth; so that great numbers of your petitioners, the poor sufferers, have no prospects of reaping any benefit from their crops of the last harvest, and are thereby entirely disabled from carrying on their business or to support themselves and families." The total damage in the parishes of Puttenham, Northchurch and Aldbury, is estimated at 1904*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.*

They pray for a brief to collect alms.

100. Certificate by James, Viscount Cranborne, Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, that the Militia has been raised and consists of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 5 captains, 5 lieutenants, 1 adjutant, 28 sergeants, 27 corporals, 18 drummers, and 493 privates, and that they were trained and exercised for 28 days in May last.

102. Bill for the repair of Buntingford bridge.

106. Account of Cornelius Wilson for clothing the prisoners for their trials on account of the distemper; 22 prisoners, 26*l* 14*s.* 9*d.* "Paid for shaving them, and vinegar to wash them with, 11s. Paid for a tin pot and vinegar and charcoal to fumigate the courts and gaol, 10*s.* 6*d.*"

108. Account of money disbursed by the keeper of the gaol: Paid for setting Vaux in the pillory, 5*s.*; paid for half-a-hogshead of vinegar to wash all the wards and dungeons, 1*l* 12*s.* 6*d.*

112. Estimate "for masons' and bricklayers' work if Small Lee Bridge be done with timber agreeable to a design herewith annexed." The design is missing. It refers to the taking up of the timber of the old bridge.

113. Estimate of masons' and bricklayers' work for arching Small Lee Bridge over the river in the road leading from Waltham Abbey to Waltham Cross.

118. Estimate for taking down the bridewell or house of correction at Hitchin, "and to rebuild the same, according to the design it now is."

129. Account of John Kirby, Surveyor, for attendances at the construction of that part of Small Lee Bridge belonging to the County of Hertford.

154. 5 April. Notice by James Markall to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of Royston, that he intends to apply at Quarter Sessions for the discharge of his apprentice, Thomas Kefford, a poor child of the Parish of Royston, from his apprenticeship for not doing his duty and for other misbehaviours.

155. 10 April. Jerome Knapp to ——— Rooke, asking him to assure the Justices of the Peace that he has lost no time in expediting the transportation of felons, and only awaits orders for those reprieved at the last Assizes which are promised in the course of a week when a ship will be ready.

156. 11 April. ——— Cutler to Thomas Plummer Byde, renewing his application through him to the Justices of the Peace for an augmentation of his salary for attending the diseased prisoners in the county gaol. The almost continued succession of illness for nearly two years, and the unusual number of persons confined there has not only required a daily attendance, but the expense of medicines requisite for their several complaints has been considerably more than double what his contract amounts to. He recommends the enlargement of the several apartments in the County Gaol which are too much confined, or that a more commodious prison should be erected.

159. 2 May. Petition of Thomas Jeeves to the Justices of the Peace at the Sessions held to take into consideration the state of the gaol and to determine whether to repair or enlarge it.

160. 5 May. Observations, by John Kirby, on Braughin Bridge: That the cause of the bridge falling was either from there not being a sufficient passage for the water, or from not being properly piled. I found the middle pier mostly gone and the water on the upstream side on that side next Braughin nearly ten feet deep, which is nearly six feet below the foundation. I also found that the bridge which receives the water that comes from Hare Street and runs across the road a little this side of Braughin, to consist of three arches, viz., two of 10 feet each and one of 16 feet wide, and was informed they are not too much to carry the same, although it is not half the water that runs through the old arches, because the Westmill water and that [water] join about a quarter-of-a-mile above.

BUNDLE FOR 1775.

73. 11 August. Information of Thomas Dudley, of Northampton, labourer. That he was in the booth at Lilly Hoo, belonging to John Lord, victualler, on Wednesday last, and continued therein all that evening and the day following. That he saw William Wentworth and James Dean come into the booth and ask for a glass of gin. They then sat down to drink the beer they had brought with them at the table on which was a lighted candle. One of them designedly put out the candle by throwing it down, at which time the said James Dean was sitting by the said John Lord while asleep. That about half-an-hour afterwards the said John Lord awoke and told the informant he had had his pocket picked of a double pocket containing all the money his wife had taken that day.

76. 15 August. Information of Martha Lord, wife of John Lord, victualler, of Market Street. That she had a booth upon Lilly Hoo during the races, and on Wednesday afternoon

she left the said booth and delivered to her husband a pair of pockets in which was a sum of 40*s.* and more.

84. 24 April. Presentment that the house of correction at Buntingford is out of repair and unfit for prisoners to be confined in.

85. 22 September. Presentment that a foot bridge over the watercourse, that comes from the high road down the back side of Puckeridge to the river in Standon, being "a church path" over the said watercourse leading from Puckeridge to Standon, is impassable.

91. Indictment of William Cramphorn, of Bishop Stortford, labourer, for stealing a bushel of oats, value 2*s.*, and a hempen sack, value 1*s.*

"To be transported for seven years."

94. Indictment of Elizabeth Parr, wife of John Parr, of Hitchin, for stealing 25 nutmegs, value 10*d.*

"To be publicly whipped next Saturday and imprisoned in bridewell three months to hard labour."

105. Indictment of William Headland, of Graveley, yeoman, for stopping up, and ploughing into and across, an ancient watercourse near the highway in the parish of Graveley, leading from the said parish to the parish of Weston, on the north side of the same highway, in a close there called Bottom Close, and diverting the same watercourse into and through a new course and channel made by him in another part of the said close leading through an ancient highway leading from the parish of Walkern to the town of Hitchin into the highway from the parish of Graveley to the parish of Weston.

No true bill.

111. Presentment that a part of the highway on that part of the road whereon a hand-post is erected on the corner of the road by Lawrence Lane and Mill Lane, in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, is in a dangerous condition.

112[a]-112[d]. Certificates of the conviction of various women for "reeling short and false yarn."

113. October. Certificate by N. B. Dimsdale, P. Newcome and F. C. Niccol, Justices of the Peace and physician, that they have inspected the house kept by Dr. Cotton, at St. Albans, for the reception of lunatics and found therein five lunatics, viz., three men and two women, and that the said house and lunatics are under proper regulations.

114. 22 December. Certificate by Viscount Cranborne, Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, that the Militia has been raised and consists of 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant-colonel, 1 major, 6 captains, 4 lieutenants, 1 adjutant, 28 sergeants, 27 corporals, 18 drummers, and 533 privates, and that they were trained and exercised for 28 days in the months of October and November.

130. Account for repairs to Buntingford Bridge and New Bridge.

132. Account for bricklayers' work done at the Chapel Bridge at Buntingford.

136. Account of Joseph Dines:—"To one hundred of pens and a bottle of Japan ink," etc.

137. Account for work done to Small Lee Bridge:—To half the bridge, whole middle pier, a temporary bridge over Small Lee river, 69 feet of road over Newman's field, including smiths' and painters' bills, stopping the mills, claying, gravelling, etc., 203*l* 1*s*. 2*d*.; gravelling, 9s.

Carpenters' work:—To half the bridge, one temporary bridge, 250 feet of road and two dams, smiths' and painters' bills included, 193*l* 17*s*. 9*d*.

160. 8 January. Thomas H. Noyes to ——— Nicchols, Clerk of the Peace.

"Enclosed you receive a recognizance to give evidence against Henry Rose for assaulting Thomas Lake, and the information against John Pipkin, James Wilkins, and John Paine for felony, and the recognizance to prosecute and give evidence against the two former. The latter I have admitted as evidence.

The offence is strictly capital for stealing privately out of a shop above 5*s*. value, but on account of the youth of the culprits I have directed the prosecutor to indict them

only for the single felony. There is full evidence against them and their own confession, so that they must undoubtedly be convicted, and I hope the bench will be of opinion with me to transport them for it, for it will be the means of saving them from the gallows. They are notorious bad boys, and if they should be discharged with a slight punishment they will return to the same work. It cannot be reduced to a petty larceny, for the jury cannot reduce the value of coin. The court will likewise consider that the parties bound to prosecute and give evidence are put to an expense of travelling thirty miles upon this business, and, though they are not what might be called poor, deserve some allowance for their expenses. Please to deliver this note to the chairman and draw the indictment for the simple felony, viz.: for feloniously taking and carrying away a wooden drawer, value 6*d.*, half-a-guinea in gold, twelve shillings in silver and sundry halfpence and farthings, the property of Mary Carter, of Tring, widow."

161. Hitchin. "Mr. Dimsdale presents his compliments to Mr. Bouchier and shall be much obliged to him if he would use his endeavours in forwarding a nurse-woman named Bailey in her justiciary business, as his little boy, by her long absence, may be a sufferer. Mr. D. is sorry to be so troublesome, but the necessary care of children in the early state, will, he hopes, be a sufficient apology."

169-180. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1776.

68. Indictment of Thomas Gillion, of Ware, labourer, for stealing a bushel of horse beans, value 3*s.*

"To be publicly whipped and imprisoned in gaol three months."

73. 23 December. Certificate by James, Viscount Cranborne, Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, that the militia has been raised and consists of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, six captains, four lieutenants, one adjutant, 28 sergeants, 27 corporals, 18 drummers, and 485 privates, and that they were trained and exercised for 28 days in May last.

81. 15 April. Account of Benjamin Lawrence, Chief Constable. "For attending to prevent a bull-baiting, which was publicly cried to be at the Earl Cowper's Arms, in the parish of Hartingfordbury, on the day after Christmas last. Six constables attended the said order from morning till evening the 26 of December, 1775, myself attending the said duty, 1*l.*"

117. Gaol calendar. Benjamin Tatum committed 16 March, 1776, charged, on his own confession, with feloniously and sacrilegiously breaking open the parish church of Shenley, and stealing therefrom the communion plate consisting of a silver flagon, two silver salvers, one cup and one plate, two surplices, a gown, a cassock, a damask table-cloth, and two napkins.

126-136. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1777.

7. 2 April. Order by Thomas Plumer Byde and William Plumer, Justices of the Peace. Having found that a certain part of the highway in the parish of Hunsdon, in the Hundred of Braughin, between the end of Nine Ashes wall and the place where the pound lately stood, for the length of 300 yards or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan hereto annexed, may be diverted and turned so as to make the same nearer and as commodious to the public; and having viewed a course proposed for the new highway, in lieu thereof, through the lands and grounds of Mr. Calvert, of the length of 290 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 26 feet or thereabouts, described in the plan hereto annexed, and having received evidence of the consent of the said Mr. Calvert to the said new highway being made through his lands, it is ordered that the said highway be diverted as aforesaid.

Consent of the said Nicholas Calvert, in consideration that the old highway be exchanged and vested in him.

Plan annexed.

13. Order by Peter Newcome, Clerk, and Charles de Laet, Justices

of the Peace. Having on view found that a certain highway in the parish of North Mymms, leading from a house called Muffets to a lane called Bradmow Lane, of the length of 198 yards may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public; and having viewed a course proposed for the new highway in lieu thereof through the lands of John Michie and John Hunter, esquires, of the length of 218 yards, and of the breadth of 30 feet and upwards, and having evidence of the consent of the said John Michie and John Hunter to the said new highway being turned through their lands and to make the same at their own expense without laying any part of the duty on the parish, it is ordered that the said highway be diverted.

14. 24 June. Inquisition taken at Bishop's Hatfield. The jurors say that it will not be any damage or prejudice to the King or any others if the King should grant to John Church, of Fleet Street, London, licence to enclose so much of the footway or path lying on the north side of three closes called Woodside Closes, leading from Woodside Green in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, beginning at the stile or entrance into the first of the said closes, opposite the Green Man Inn at Woodside Green and ending in the lane leading from Woodside Green, towards Popes and Morrill Hill, and which contains in length 68 poles or thereabouts, and in breadth six feet, to hold the said way or path to the said John Church for ever; so that, in lieu thereof, he make and set out another footway or path on the outside of the said three closes, and on the south side of the hedges thereof, beginning from the stile opposite the Green Man Inn, and leading on eastward thence to the corner of the third of the said closes, and there turning off northwards to the said stile leading to Popes and Morrill Hill aforesaid.

19. 20 September. Notice of appeal by Henry Whittingstall to Thomas Goostrey, Esq., against his setting up a gate across the Ickmeld (*sic*) Road, between Hitchin Turnpike and Welbury Lane on the lands allotted to him by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, and other commonable lands and grounds in the parish of Ickleford.

58. A list of all the victuallers in the half-hundred of Hertford.

78. Indictment of James Crawley otherwise Edward Hamerton, James Lime otherwise Corker, William Edwards otherwise Reynolds, and Edward Johnson, of Bishop's Hatfield, labourers, for stealing two linen shirts, value 7*s.*, and three muslin neckcloths, value 6*s.*

"Ordered that James Crawley, James Lime, William Edwards and Edward Johnson, work on the Thames for four years."

80. Indictment of William Nash, of Bishop's Hatfield, blacksmith, for stealing a linen shirt, value 5*s.*, and one muslin neckcloth, value 2*s.*

"To be publicly whipped and imprisoned 3 months."

85. Indictment of Sarah, wife of John Shuffle, late of the Liberty of Little Amwell, labourer, for stealing five china bowls, value 3*l.* 4*s.*, and 12 china plates value 14*s.*

"To be imprisoned one month and privately whipped."

88. 3 February. Certificate by P. Newcome and F. C. Niccoll, Justices of the Peace, and N. B. Dimsdale, physician, that they have inspected the house kept by Dr. Cotton at St. Alban's, for the reception of lunatics and found six lunatics therein, viz., three men and three women, and that the said house and lunatics appear to be under proper management.

89. 11 September. Certificate by George Prescott and Francis Morland, Justices of the Peace, and William Walley, physician, that they have inspected the house kept by Thomas Baldwin, of Cheshunt, for the reception of lunatics and found eight lunatics therein, viz., three men and five women, and that the said house and lunatics appear to be under good management.

90. 22 December. Certificate by James, Viscount Cranbourne, Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, that the militia has been raised and consists of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, six captains, four lieutenants, one adjutant, 28 sergeants, 27 corporals, 18 drummers, and 524 privates,

and that they were trained and exercised for 28 days in May and June last.

96. Bill of Thomas Nicholl, clerk of the peace, for business done and money expended on account of the new gaol:—

Drawing and recording order for paying Mr. Kirby 1500*l.* on account of his contract for building the gaol; drawing and recording order for paying Mr. Rooke 100*l.* on account of his bill for soliciting the Act of Parliament for the gaol: drawing and recording order for raising 3*d.* in the pound for building the gaol; paid Mr. Flack for his journey and expenses to London to treat with Mr. Stark about his ground for the gaol, &c.

116. Gaol calendar. James Dollison committed 31 December, 1776, as a vagrant, and on suspicion of having a false protection in his possession.

"Ordered to be delivered to a regulating captain."

122. An inventory of the goods of Ann Seymour, of Bennington, widow, taken for the use of the said parish.

127-139. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1778.

12. 9 June. Certificate by P. Newcome, F. C. Niccoll and William Walley, the Justices of the Peace and physician appointed to visit the house kept by Doctor Cotton, at St. Albans, for the reception of lunatics, that they have visited the said house and found four lunatics in the same, viz., two men and two women, and that the said house and lunatics appear to be under good keeping and proper regulations and management.

14. 26 June. Order made in vestry at Hitchin that a rate be granted at 3*d.* in the pound for defraying the charges of the surveyors of the highways.

98. 19 September. Examination of John Clement, of Tring, watchmaker; he deposes that on 12 September, Francis Bates, of Abbots Aston, in the county of Bucks, labourer, came to his shop and asked if he would buy any old silver,

and on his answering 'yes,' the said Francis pulled a pair of silver buckles from his shoes and offered them for sale, whereupon the deponent weighed them and found the silver to weigh one ounce and three-quarters, and he told the said Francis he could not give him more than 9*s*. 6*d*. for them. Bates then said he thought them worth half-a-guinea. but took the 9*s*. 6*d*. On Monday last, William Perkins, of Long Marston, labourer, came to the deponent's shop, and on the said buckles being produced to him, he told the deponent they were his, and that they were stolen with a pair of shoes on 12 September. (The Indictment of the said Francis Bates is document No. 126 in this bundle).

101. 23 November. Information of Thomas Trott, of Hemel Hempstead, victualler, that on Saturday night last, between 8 and 9, he missed from his dwelling-house some moneys, and especially two silver groats, one silver twopence, one silver penny, one foreign copper coin, one half-crown, two shillings, and one farthing. That William Gurnston, labourer, of the said parish, was then in the informant's house, and was suspected of stealing the said money, and the said silver groats, silver twopences, silver penny, and foreign copper coin, were found on the wife of the said William Gurnston. (The Indictment of the said William Gurnston is document No. 108.)

105 24 December. Examination of Jane George, Phyllis Todd, and Sarah Clarke.

Jane George deposes that one pair of, and two odd, shoes belonging to the boys of Christ's Hospital, in the borough of Hertford, have been stolen from her house in the said Hospital.

Phyllis Todd deposes that one pair of shoes belonging to the said boys have been stolen from her house in the said Hospital.

Sarah Clarke deposes that on Monday and Tuesday last she saw a child of John Dearman, of this Borough, stay-maker, with a pair of shoes which she believes to be shoes such as the hospital boys usually wear.

Jane George and Phyllis Todd depose that they have

seen the wife of John Dearman in the said hospital going about from house to house, and they suspect her of having taken the said shoes.

110. Indictment of Charles Brown, labourer, of Ware, for a theft of wheat.

Marked: Found guilty: ordered to work on the Thames for three years, or go as a soldier.

112. Indictment of Rebecca Freshwater, of Much Hadham, for stealing a garnet necklace, &c., the property of John Austin.

Marked: Found guilty. "To be privately whipped and discharged."

116. Indictment of Daniel Hollingsworth late of Stanstead Abbot for theft.

Marked: "Found guilty. Ordered to gaol for three months and to be once publicly whipped from one town bridge to the other in Stanstead."

118 & 132. Indictment of Richard Thurgood, of Bishop's Stortford, yeoman, for exercising the trade of a butcher, without having been apprenticed seven years.

133. Indictment of William Truman, of All Saints, Hertford, labourer, for stealing a half-guinea piece the property of Thomas Jeffs.

Found guilty. "To be burnt in the hand and go to prison for three months in Bridewell, unless he shall sooner inlist in His Majesty's service."

141. Indictment of Thomas Goostrey, of Hitchin, Esq., and Richard Barry of the same, innholder, for ploughing and breaking up 100 perches in length and 16 feet in breadth of a certain common and public King's highway in the parish of Ickleford, leading from a certain lane called West Mill Lane in the said parish to a certain turnpike there erected standing and being in and across the said highway, the said highway being then and still the King's highway, and sowing the same with clover-grass. They also set up certain posts and rails that is to say 100 posts and 100 rails in and upon the highway leading from a lane called West Mill Lane in the parish of Ickleford to a certain turnpike there

erected standing and being in the said highway, and also made and dug a certain ditch, of the length of 44 poles and of the width of three feet, in and upon the said highway, and with the said ditch, posts, and rails shut out and enclosed 44 poles in length and one pole in breadth of the said highway from the rest thereof, and thereby and therewith laid and took the said part of the said highway so enclosed from the rest thereof into a certain close of land of the said Thomas Goostrey next adjoining to the said part of the said highway so enclosed. True bill.

142. 20 December. Certificate by James, Viscount Cranbourne, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, that the Militia for Hertfordshire has been raised and that it was first raised in 1758, and that the Militia this year consists of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, seven captains, nine lieutenants, three ensigns, one adjutant, one surgeon, one quarter-master, one chaplain, 28 sergeants, 27 corporals, 20 drummers, and 538 private men; that the Militia was assembled for actual service at the town of St. Albans in April last and marched out of the county in June last.

149. Disbursements attending keeping the gaol from Easter 1777 to Easter 1778.

Paid for burning William Cook in the hand, 5*s.*; ditto, Catherine Harding, 5*s.*; for whipping Rebecca Freshwater, 5*s.*; ditto, Sarah Smith, 5*s.*; for conveying Thomas Hawkins to Hitchin with a man to whip him, 1*l.* 5*s.*

150. Bill against the County for repairs. One of the items is for "For two men mending the dungeon, where broke by the felon," 7*s.*

152. Bill of Mr. Thomas Nichols, Clerk of the Peace for the County, for business done and money expended on account of the new gaol.

156. Report on repairs to the gaol.

159 to 174. Returns of the average prices of wheat, barley, oats, and beans sold in the markets of Hertford and Hitchin.

193. 12 January. Reference to an order for the repair of "High bridge."

196. Midsummer Sessions. Gaol calendar. William Gunston remains in gaol by order of court at the last Christmas Sessions to be conveyed to the river Thames, there to be kept to hard labour for the term of five years; Charles Brown for three years and Richard Mead for three years. Many others are sentenced to hard labour on the Thames.

BUNDLE FOR 1779.

66. 12 July. Complaint by William Lloyd, of the parish of Aston, clerk, against William Upfold, of the parish of Watton, yeoman, who has insulted the complainant, his family and servants, by making use of very rude and indecent language and gestures, and has threatened the complainant with violence. (See Indictment of the said William Upfold, No. 68).

69. Presentment that the bridewell at Great Berkhamstead is out of repair and insufficient for the safe custody of persons committed thereto.

70. True bill against William Allam, of Cheshunt, for assault. Ordered to be imprisoned for six months "unless he will go as a soldier."

81[a]. 13 May. Certificate by George Prescott and Francis Morland Justices of the Peace, and William Walley, physician, appointed to inspect the house kept by Thomas Baldwin, of Cheshunt, for the reception of lunatics, that there are nine lunatics in the said house, viz.: four men and five women, and that the said house and lunatics appear to be under good management.

83. 5 May. Certificate by P. Newcome and F. C. Niccoll, Justices of the Peace, and William Walley, physician, appointed to inspect the house kept by Dr. Cotton at St. Albans for the reception of lunatics, that there are five lunatics in the said house, viz, three men and two women, and that the said house and lunatics appear to be under proper management.

83[b]. 7 November. Certificate of the conviction of James Burt, of

Pightlesthorne, in the County of Bucks, miller, for refusing to tell John Cutler, clerk of the market of Tring, the price at which he bought his corn in the said market; fined 43*s*.

91. Disbursements attending keeping the gaol from Easter 1778 to Easter 1779. Amongst the items are—

For whipping John Kensey, 5*s*.: for burning William Freeman, 5*s*.; for whipping Elizabeth Edwards, 5*s*.; paid for halters, 2*s*.; cart and horse to attend execution, 10*s*.; paid executioner 1*l*. 1*s*.; wine for the Sacrament, 1*s*.

95. Account for bricklayers' work done for the County by order of Mr. Day, surveyor of the bridges. Repairs to Ford Bridge.

96. Account for carting done at "High Bridge" by order of Mr. Day.

97. Account for carpenters' work done at Braughing Ford Bridge, by order of Mr. Day.

99. Account for work done to "High Bridge, by St. Alban's."

100 to 115. Returns of the average prices of wheat, barley, &c., sold in the markets at Hertford and Hitchin.

116. 23 September. Letter from William Harston to Mr. Rooke. The bearer, Mr. Bunn has taken a survey and made an estimate of the repairs to be done to secure the bridewell at Berkhamstead. Asks him to forward the matter. The keeper of the House of Correction is a widow.

128. Gaol calendar. James Belcham committed 6 October, 1778, by John Calvert, Esq., charged with stealing 50*l*., the property of a club or society held at the Reindeer at Bishop's Stortford. Many prisoners sentenced to hard labour on the Thames.

135. Gaol calendar. William Hurt and others committed for stealing a portmanteau the property of Mrs. Hazleland from behind the St. Albans "diligence."

BUNDLE FOR 1780.

12. 6 July. Order made at Hitchin that a rate be levied at 4*d*. in the pound to defray the expenses of the surveyors of the highways.

13. 8 July. County of Hertford and Liberty of St. Alban's.

Award by Sir Charles Cox, baronet, and the Rev. Peter Newcome, Justices of the Peace, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament made in 13 George III. Recites that whereas it appears that the ground or soil of a certain ancient highway, 231 poles in length, leading from the west end of Black Lion Lane in the parish of Shenley to Newburys and Radlet in the parish of Aldenham, is not of sufficient width, between the fences thereof, nor can it be conveniently widened or enlarged to be made commodious for travellers without diverting and turning the same. And whereas also it appears that the said highway may be turned and diverted into another course over the lands and grounds of Richard, Viscount Howe, according to a plan proposed and hereunto annexed, in such a manner that the said new highway shall contain only 230 poles in length, and be more commodious for travellers. And whereas the said Lord Howe signifies his consent, for a certain consideration, that the said new highway be made on his lands, pursuant to the said intended plan and course.

It is ordered that the said new highway be forthwith made and constructed with good materials, and that arches of brickwork be built where a small run of water passes the said highway at the sole expense, in both cases, of the said Lord Howe. And that the said highway be 30 feet wide between the fences in all parts.

And whereas the said highway when turned and diverted will pass through the parishes of Shenley and Ridge, and into the hamlet of Theobald Street in the parish of Aldenham. And whereas the surveyor of each of the said parishes and of the said hamlet is empowered respectively by the said Act of Parliament to make agreement with the said Lord Howe for a recompense to be made for such ground for the new highway and for making such new fences and ditches as shall be necessary according and in proportion to the several and respective interests of the said parishes and hamlet therein.

It is ordered that the ground of the said old highway now lying and being in the said parishes and hamlet shall be

given to the said Lord Howe in recompense and full compensation for the ground of the new highway and in full satisfaction for any damages arising therefrom. And that all necessary fences and ditches planted with quick, on both sides of the said new highway, shall be made at the sole expense of the said Lord Howe and hereafter made and repaired by the respective owners of the said ditches and fences.

And in pursuance of an agreement made between the said Lord Howe and the said respective parishes and hamlet, it is directed and ordered that the said highway when made and certified by two Justices shall become and be deemed a public highway and footway, and be hereafter and for ever repaired and maintained by the same parishes or persons whose duty it was and whose practice it has been to repair the old highway, heretofore, in conformity to law. Save and except only that so much of the said new highway as shall or may pass through the Parish of Ridge, shall be repaired, maintained, and upheld at the sole charge and expense of Lord Howe, and of all the future owners and possessors of the house and estate adjoining, called Porters Lodge, for which purpose the surveyor of the highways in Ridge and the principal inhabitants and occupiers of lands within the same do consent and agree that the composition money liable to be paid in lieu of highway duty and charged on the present estate of Lord Howe, situate in Ridge, shall yearly be applied by the said Lord Howe, and all future possessors of the said estate, towards the repair of the said highway. And that the said composition money or statute duty shall not be called for or required by any surveyor to be laid out or expended on the highways in any other part or parts of the said parish.

And when the said new highway shall be made and certified the interest of the said Lord Howe in the ground of the same shall be for ever divested out of him. Saving nevertheless to the lord or lords of the manor or manors through which the said highway shall run, all manorial rights and privileges. And the said highway shall be esteemed and taken to be a public highway to all intents and purposes

whatsoever. Saving also to the owner of the same all mines, minerals and fossils, lying underneath which can or may be got without breaking the surface of the said highway.

And whereas it appears that a certain ancient highway or road leading from the west end of Black Lion Lane, marked "A," towards Green Street, and situate equally between the Parishes of Shenley and Ridge, has been long quitted and forsaken, and is become useless and unnecessary, and having evidence of the consent of the surveyors and principal inhabitants of the said Parishes to a proposal that the said ancient highway be stopped up at the length of fifty-f..... from the point "A" aforesaid. It is ordered that the said highway be stopped up at the length of fifty-four poles from the point "A," and the ground of the said highway sold to Lord Howe, who is lord of the manor whereof the said highway is part and parcel and whose lands adjoin the said highway on each side, at the rate of 10*l.* per acre. And the said ancient highway to be enclosed and on payment of the purchase money all right, title, and interest in the said highway to be divested out of the public, and the ground thereof to become the property of Lord Howe. Saving nevertheless a passage through and over the same to all owners and occupiers of any lands adjoining to the present gates of their respective fields and grounds in their way from Green Street.

Plan annexed.

50. 17 July. Certificate by George Prescott and Francis Morland, Justices of the Peace, and William Walley, physician, appointed to inspect the house kept by Thomas Baldwin, of Cheshunt, for the reception of lunatics, that there are eight lunatics in the said house, viz., three men and five women, and that the said house and lunatics appear to be under proper management.

51. 4 August. Certificate by P. Newcome and F. C. Nicoll, Justices of the Peace, and William Walley, physician, appointed to inspect the house kept by Dr. Cotton, of St. Albans, for the reception of lunatics, that there are two men and one

woman therein who appear to have proper care taken of them.

57. Disbursements attending the keeping of the gaol. For whipping Thomas Cooke, 5*s.*; for whipping Benjamin Dorman at the cart's tail, 10*s.* 6*d.*; for burning Thomas Coleman in the hand, 5*s.*; for executing William Childs and Thomas Chitwynd, 1*l.* 1*s.*; for halters, 2*s.*; wine for the Sacrament, 1*s.* 3*d.*; cart and horses to attend the execution, 10*s.*

60. Estimate for repair of the Bridewell at Great Berkhampstead.

61. Detailed estimate for repairing and strengthening the House of Correction at Great Berkhampstead.

62. Bill of the Clerk of the Peace:—Drawing draft of bill for building a new gaol for this county; drawing agreement for building the gaol on Mr. Orgus' ground, &c.

70. Estimate for repairs at Standon Bridge.

71. Bill for repairs at Waresmill Bridge.

78 to 91. Returns of the average prices of wheat, barley, &c., sold in the markets of Hitchin and Hertford.

BUNDLE FOR 1781.

74. Indictment of Susannah Lee, of Hemel Hempstead, for obtaining, by false pretences, four yards of Irish linen and other goods from Thomas Furnival, of Hemel Hempstead, linen draper.

"To be publicly whipped next Saturday and discharged."

76. Indictment of John Ellick, of Hemel Hempstead, labourer, for stealing a quantity of wheat, value 3*s.* 6*d.*, and a hempen sack, value 6*d.*

"8 week's imprisonment and publicly whipped next Saturday."

82a. Certificate of the conviction of Martha, wife of Edward Fielding for reeling false yarn.

83. 4 May. Certificate by the Rev. P. Newcome and F. C. Niccoll, Justices of the Peace, and William Whalley, physician, that they have inspected the house kept by Dr. Cotton at

St. Albans for the reception of lunatics, and found therein two men and one woman, and that the said house and lunatics appear to be under proper management.

92. Account of John Fulcher for mending the card table at the Shire House, &c.

98. Account of William Hillyer. To attending the Justices at Hertford Sessions and surveying the spot where a felon had escaped, and receiving order to make an estimate for strengthening the same, 2*l.* 2*s.*, &c.

100. Account for carting and laying gravel on the road over High Bridge near "Radlat."

102 & 104. Accounts for repairs to Ford bridge, Standon bridge, and Buntingford bridge.

131-146. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1782.

4 & 5. 31 January. Warrant for the arrest of Henry Pratt, of Cheshunt, yeoman, to answer for carrying on the trade of a butcher without being apprenticed seven years, and for his committal to prison for failing to find sureties (see also No. 64).

7. Easter term. Appeal by William Heath, a captain in the Hertfordshire Militia, against a conviction under the servants' tax.

The appellant, being quartered at Ware with two companies of the said regiment, employed as servants, two private soldiers of the same regiment who were likewise quartered there, and liable to be called upon to do the duties of the regiment.

52. 5 February. Information by Gaius Bishop, Surveyor of Excise, against William Heath, Esq , captain in the Hertfordshire Militia, for employing two male servants, viz., William Jaques, valet and footman, and William Geary, groom and helper in the stables, without delivering in a list at the office of the said Surveyor, and without paying the duty imposed for so employing them.

62. Indictment of John Warren, of Northaw, carpenter, for stealing a pit-saw, value 16*s*.

"Imprisoned 6 months in gaol and twice publicly whipped."

69. Indictment of John Wright, of Bishop's Hatfield, labourer, for stealing a fowl and two ducks.

"Found guilty; twice publicly whipped and 12 months imprisonment."

71. Indictment of Ann Chance, of Hemel Hempstead, widow, for stealing two pairs of copper scales, value 3*s*., and of Richard Davies of the said parish for receiving them.

"Chance, once privately whipped and three months imprisonment; Davis, twice publicly whipped and imprisoned 6 months."

72. Indictment of Robert Lewin, of Hitchin, butcher, for exercising the trade of a butcher without having been apprenticed seven years.

73. 16 August. Certificate by Thomas Clutterbuck, junior, Justice of the Peace, and William Walley, physician, that they have inspected the house kept by Nathaniel Cotton, of St. Alban's, for the reception of lunatics and found therein two men and one woman, and that the said house and lunatics appear to be under good management.

84-86. Accounts for repairs to Standon bridge.

103. Gaol Calendar. John Evans to be kept to hard labour on the river Thames for two years.

109. Upon the appeal of William Heath, against his conviction for keeping two male servants, the Court, with the consent of the said William Heath and Gaius Bishop, doth refer the merits of the appeal to the determination of the Court of King's Bench upon the following state thereof, viz.: The appellant being quartered at Ware, with two companies of the said regiment, employed as his servants two private soldiers of the said regiment who were likewise quartered there and liable if called upon to do the duties of the regiment.

110. A County wooden bridge at the north end of Standon, over

the River Ribb, is in a very ruinous and dangerous condition. John Calvert and David Barclay submit to the consideration of the Court whether it may not be best for the County to rebuild the said bridge with brick, and sufficiently wide for carriages to pass over, as the parishes of Hadham, Braughing, and Standon, have, at very great expense, widened and repaired the road from Hadham-on-Ash to Braughing and Standon, and thereby opened a better communication between the Counties of Essex and Hertford. A plan and estimate might be ready against Christmas Session.

111-126. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1783.

65. Indictment of Hannah, wife of Richard Lee, of Baldock, labourer, for stealing a pair of harrows with iron teeth and couplings complete.

"To be publicly whipped next Saturday and imprisoned six months."

67. Indictment of Richard Grant, of St. Andrew's, Hertford, labourer, for stealing a hempen sack, value 1*s*.

"Once publicly whipped, imprisoned 12 months, fined 3*s*. 4*d*., and to remain until the said fine be paid."

73. Indictment of John Hughes, of Bishop's Hatfield, labourer, for stealing a linen shirt, value 8*d*.

"To be privately whipped and discharged."

77a. 12 July. Certificate of the conviction of Samuel Whitbread, of Essendon, Esq., for neglecting to send a team and able men with the same to work upon the highways. Fined 10*s*.

78. 9 August. Certificate by the Rev. P. Newcome and Thomas Clutterbuck, junior, Justices of the Peace, and William Walley, physician, that they have inspected the house kept by Nathaniel Cotton, M.D., for the reception of lunatics and found therein two lunatics, viz.: two men, and that the said house and lunatics appear to be under proper management.

79. Certificate of the conviction of Sarah Field as a rogue and vagabond, who was ordered to be publicly whipped through the town of Bishop's Hatfield by the Constable.

81. 8 February. Estimate by John Glyn, junior, for building with bricks a bridge of five arches at Standon for carriages.

96. Account of bricklayers' work done to the Chapel bridge at Buntingford.

117. Easter Sessions. Gaol calendar. William Spriggins, John Hall, and William Clisby, ordered to be kept to hard labour on the river Thames in raising sand, soil and gravel, for the term of one year each.

126-141. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1784.

84. Presentment that there is a Common and ancient highway leading from Hemel Hempstead to Leighton Buzzard, and that a certain part thereof, situate in the parish of Studham, beginning at the entrance of the said parish next to Hemel Hempstead, and so continuing through the parish of Studham towards Leighton Buzzard, of the length of one mile and of the breadth of 20 feet, is very ruinous, miry, deep, broken, and in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Studham ought to repair the same (see 167).

85. Indictment of John Fisher, of Braughing, labourer, for stealing a pair of leather shoes, value 6*d.*, and a pair of shoe buckles, value 4*d.*

"To be privately whipped to-morrow and discharged next Wednesday."

86. Indictment of John Lawrance, of Totteridge, labourer, for stealing an iron shovel, value 10*d.*

"To be privately whipped to-morrow and discharged next Saturday."

95. Indictment of Cornelius Buckley, of Hunsdon, labourer, for stealing two pairs of men's worsted stockings.

"Publicly whipped next Saturday and discharged."

101. Indictment of William Knott, of All Saints, Hertford, labourer, for stealing a linen bed quilt, value 5*s*., a feather bolster, value 5*s*., a blanket, value 5*s*., and a feather bed, value 5*s*.

To be publicly whipped next Saturday, committed for 12 months and fined 1*s*.

105. Petition of Henry Russell, keeper of the House of Correction at Berkhampstead St. Peter, to the Justices of the Peace. Shewing that at the last Lent Assize Thomas Wilddy was ordered to be confined in the said house of correction for 12 calendar months for petty larceny, and in pursuance of such order was sent to the said house. That petitioner took every step in his power for securing the said prisoner with such irons as belonged to the said house, but being unfit for such desperate felons, the prisoner got them off in the night of 9 April last, and there being only a thin brick wall next to the stable of John Dorrien, Esq., the prisoner easily broke through the said wall into the stable and escaped. Petitioner took every step for apprehending him again by advertising him in "the Northampton Mercury," and offering a reward of three guineas. The prisoner was retaken at Northampton, and petitioner paid the said reward. Prays to be refunded the said three guineas and his expenses in advertising and bringing back the prisoner.

"Allowed 7*l*. 2*s*. on the prayer of this petition."

106. 1 October. Certificate by the Rev. P. Newcome, J.P., and William Walley, physician, that they have inspected the house kept by Nathaniel Cotton, M.D., at St. Albans and found therein four lunatics, viz.: three men and one woman, and that the said house and lunatics appear to be under proper management

187. Proposal by Mark Burges, to convey vagrants through the County of Hertford to Stansted and Harlow, "excepting journeys to a Justice and signing," for 50*l*. a year. If the passes are to be signed by a Hertfordshire justice, 75*l*.

140. Proposal by William Flack, of Bishop's Stortford, to maintain and carry all vagrants for the Parishes of Sawbridgeworth and Bishop's Stortford for 34*l*. yearly.

141. Proposal by Nathaniel Stratton to take all vagrants from the Hertford road for 60*l.* yearly, except the constables' expenses.

142. Proposal by Thomas Chester to convey vagrants from Waltham Cross, through the County of Hertford, to Royston in Cambridgeshire, and from Royston to Enfield Highway, for 85*l.* a year. "If I take it I mean to use the poor creatures well, and lodge them on beds and use them with humanity." The number of passes already carried is 104 within the last six weeks.

167. 3 October. William Bingham, of Great Gaddesden, to —— Rooke. Requesting him to lay before the Justices an enclosed Presentment of a road in his neighbourhood which is impassable for any other carriage than a two-wheeled wagon, and scarcely for that in winter; notwithstanding it is a principal road leading to one of the largest market towns in the County. The parish of Studham has had notice for above two years to amend it, notwithstanding which they have constantly neglected it and this year have sold nearly a hundred loads of stone which would have gone a great way towards its repair (see No. 84).

169-180. Returns of the average prices of wheat &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1785.

72. Indictment of Alexander Hogan, of Wormeley, labourer, for breaking an iron bar used to fasten a certain device for navigation, called a lock, in a canal made navigable in pursuance of an Act 7 George III. intituled "An Act for improving the navigation of the river Lee from the town of Hertford to the River Thames and for extending the navigation to the floodgates belonging to the town mill in the town of Hertford."

"Ordered that he be imprisoned three months in gaol and publicly whipped next week."

73. Indictment of William Francis, of Ware, labourer, for stealing four ducks, value 4*s.*, one cock, value 1*s.*, and four hens, value 4*s.*

"Ordered to be imprisoned 12 months and twice publicly whipped at Hertford."

76. Indictment of Mary Latchford, of Great Gaddesden, spinster, for stealing a woman's linen gown, value 15*s*., a black silk cardinal, value 5*s*., a woman's linen apron value 10*s*., a lawn handkerchief value 2*s*., and a man's linen neckcloth, value 1*s*.

"Publicly whipped next Saturday and imprisoned in gaol one month."

77. Indictment of Ann Ward, of All Saints, Hatfield, widow, for stealing a pair of women's stays, value 5*s*.

"Privately whipped next Saturday and discharged."

91. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from Hemel Hempstead to Leighton Buzzard, co. Bedford, and that a certain part of the same highway—situate in the parish of Studham beginning at the entrance of the said parish of Studham, next to Hemel Hempstead, and so continuing through the said parish of Studham towards Leighton Buzzard, of the length of one mile and of the breadth of 20 feet—is in decay, and that it ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the parish of Studham.

"Fined 1*s*.; paid to Sheriff."

93. 11 July. Certificate by J. Saunders Sebright and William Bingham, Justices of the Peace, that they have viewed the above mentioned highway and find that the part in decay has been properly repaired.

115. 15 March. William Hayton to ———. Informing him that Eli Kemp and John Huson, on Sunday night last, broke out of the Berkhampstead Bridewell. A view has this day been taken by Jonathan Hawes, carpenter, and he has sent in an estimate of 8*l*. 11*s*. 4*d*. for repairing the Bridewell. As there are other prisoners therein it is absolutely necessary that it be immediately done.

153. Gaol Calendar. Patrick Walsh and John Walsh committed 10 August 1784, charged with high treason in counterfeiting silver coin, viz.: shillings and sixpences; implements and materials for coining the same, together with some pieces of

money, apparently counterfeited, having been found in the house of the said Patrick Walsh and upon the person of the said John Walsh.

158. Gaol Calendar. Patrick Walsh, John Walsh, and Thomas Rogers remain under sentence of death.

167-180. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1786.

4. 24 March. Notice to the Justices of the Peace by James Philips, minister, Robert Bygrave, Edward Canon, James Bygrave, John Walley, and J. Wallis, that a building lately erected at the north of Barkway, abutting south on a lane leading to Reed, is appropriated and set apart for the public worship of Almighty God by a Society or Congregation of Protestants dissenting from the Church of England.

Note at foot: No congregation to be permitted until the place of meeting shall be certified. Fee 6*d*.

52 & 53. 30 May. Recognizance for the appearance of Henry Prior to give evidence against Alexander Hogan, steersman of a barge belonging to Richard Jackson, coal merchant, for wilfully and maliciously running the said barge against the gate of the Lock at King's Wear upon the navigation of the River Lee.

77. 19 May. Depositions of [Hercules Powell]. That Richard Abbot, baker, paraded before my house in the parish of Royston about 8 o'clock in the evening in a riotous manner, raising a great number of people together and giving them orders to break my windows and door of my house, at the same time swearing he would have the house down, and began flinging a great number of brickbats and stones at the windows by which he broke a great number of panes of glass. Some of the stones came into my house, and as my wife sat with the child in her lap a piece of stone or glass hit the child on the nose and made it bleed. Abbot and the others continued from 8 o'clock till 10, at which time Clement Norman, of Royston, got through the mob and

came to the door. I desired him to acquaint Mr. Hale Wortham, my landlord, that if there was nobody to quell the mob they would have the house down, but he was out of town. Mr. Thomas Wortham, his brother, came up with Clement Norman, and Abbot was taken into custody by the Constable, but was afterwards released upon Abbot's wife promising that he would go home to bed, and he went quietly away and the mob dispersed for that night.

On Tuesday, 23 May following, Abbot and Samuel Smith, labourer, came again to my house and Abbot said, "Damn you, Powell, come out, or we will fetch you out," and Abbot took up a stone and flung it at the windows, and burst open the door. Mr. Norman, who was at supper with me, went to acquaint Mr. Hale Wortham that Abbot and Smith had come again in the same riotous manner as before when Abbot's wife came and got him away, and all then dispersed.

The next day I went to Thurfield to procure a warrant for the arrest of Abbot and Smith, and on Thursday I went to Mr. Wetston who bound over Smith and Abbot to the Quarter Sessions at Hertford, and on my coming from the Justice I went to the house of John Wing, a schoolmaster there, to write a letter to Royston, as I did not intend going home that night for fear of the mob, when John Bunyan and Joseph Sill, both of Royston, came into the house and waited till I went out and followed me into a field. Bunyan laid hold of me and said "I insist on your going with me," and dragged me down to the public house. After going in I asked what was their intention to do with me. Bunyan said "To carry you round the town in the chair." I asked the publican for a pen and ink to write to Mr. Wetston but he refused. Bunyan and Sill, with William Adkins, John King and Elisha Groom, of Thurfield, then took and bound me hand and foot and carried me a great way round the town of Thurfield till they came to the house of the Rev. Mr. Farrowby, Curate of the Parish, who insisted on their releasing me, and he then took me to the house of Mr. Wetston who ordered the Constable to bring Sill and Bunyan before him, who were brought accordingly, but afterwards escaped. After quitting the house of the said magistrate I

made for the road to Baldock and was followed to Mr. Hoy's house at Odsey by Elisha Groom, King and Adkins, where George Hagger, a person of property at the Thrift House, William Wilkerson and James Disbury joined them and insisted on my going with them. I asked them what business they had with me, Haggar said "Damn him; fetch him out; if he dost not go by fair means, he shall by foul." William King instantly came up the flight of steps and seized me by the collar and pulled me down into the yard. Wilkerson and Disbury laid hold of me and on my refusing to go with them Hagger called to a man on horseback and said "Bring the horse and we will tie him on," but the man rode off. Wilkerson and Disbury led me into the turnpike road leading from Baldock to Royston, where Cooper Clark, of Royston joined them. As I walked very gently, being harassed about and very much fatigued, Hagger said "Damn him; make him go faster." Cooper Clark laid hold of my legs and King of my shoulders, and carried me about 20 poles and then laid me down. Hagger said "Go to my house, and if you cannot get the horse bring my hand-barrow and we will carry him on that." But before they could get the barrow John Abbot's cart, coming from Baldock, overtook them, and Thomas Hills, of Royston, and Cooper Clark laid hold of me and forced me into the cart. Hagger then said—"Damn him; search his pockets, for he has got something in them" I told them I had nothing but a warrant for Sill and Bunyan but Cooper Clark refused to search me. Cooper Clark, King and Disbury got up into the cart to guard me. Clark said "If you say I wanted to rifle your pockets and do not sit still, Damn you, I will have my fist in your face," and held his hand up but did not strike me. They then carried me to Royston Town's End when John Ward met me and asked me how I was. I said very faint and weak and asked him to relieve me from them but he said it was out of his power, for at that time there joined two or three hundred people, whooping and hollaing. They took me into the town and there used me in a most cruel and barbarous manner, taking me from the cart and fastening me in a chair by tying my arms with a cord, throwing flour into my

eyes and letting me fall on the ground, and had it not been for Mr. Hale Wortham and others I must have lost my life, but he extricated me from the chair by cutting the cords. He led me home, as I was informed, for I was at that time senseless and unable to stand. He also directed a Surgeon to bleed me. I did not get out of my bed till the Sunday following and was unable to go out of my house till the Monday, (see also Nos. 78, 79, and 80).

84. Indictment of Joseph Sill, of Royston, labourer, for assaulting Hercules Powell.

99 & 100. Indictment of John Bunyan and Richard Abbot for the like offence.

106[a]. 20 April. Certificate of the conviction of John Long, of Hatfield, for drawing on the turnpike road, between Hatfield and Stevenage, a waggon and five horses, having the felloes of the wheels of less breadth than six inches. Fined 20*s*.

106[b]. 20 April. Certificate of the conviction of Joshua Bewley for drawing on the turnpike road between Hitchin and Welwyn, a waggon with nine horses, having the felloes of the wheels of the breath of only nine inches.

121. Account for conveying prisoners on board the *Ceres* hulk, lying off Woolwich Warren.

143. Gaol Calendar. List of prisoners (23) sentenced to transportation.

147. 17 October. Letter from William Hayton to ———, Stockes House, by Hempstead bag.

The gentlemen assembled this day at the Justices' Meeting at Berkhampstead having viewed the bridewell there, found the two convicts, (who are confined there by order of the Judges) without linen or clothing, almost naked; and understanding that the County provided necessaries for the persons committed to the County Gaol, have directed me to write to you to know whether they can order any clothes for them out of the County stock and what should be done relating to them, as in their present situation they must suffer, perhaps too much, from the approaching winter.

Endorsed :—" Desire Mr. Hayton to send the number of persons wanting clothing, the sort of clothes wanted, and the size of the persons, to Wilson, gaoler, and the necessary [order] shall be sent, as proper clothing is furnished by one person."

148. 7 November. Wiiam Hayton to ———. I have communicated your letter to-day to the Justices here at their Meeting. There are but two prisoners in the Bridewell from the Assizes, Henry Gurney and Edward Johnson, who were destitute of linen; they ordered them two shirts apiece, waiting for your answer. As to all other clothing they are quite destitute and want everything. How to send you their sizes I am at a loss, but they are of a middle size and the tailor has given me the enclosed. Perhaps your slop man can be a judge from it. The four shirts are 3*s*. 4*d*. Is that too much? *Postscript.* I will not say it is unkind of you always to direct my letters by the wrong post so as to occasion much additional expense when you know yours must always come by Queen Ann Street, Cavendish Square, and if you will direct to me in the country, it is Stocks House, Hempstead bag, Herts, the direct and only proper direction.

150-165. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1787.

26. 30 April. Recognizance for the appearance of Henry Day, of Chipperfield, gentleman, and Daniel Halsey, of the same, labourer, to prefer an indictment against Thomas Pilgrim and Jesse Patrick, of Watford, who were found under the rookery of Thomas Marriott, Esq., at Chipperfield, about two in the morning of Sunday last armed with large sticks and striking a light (see also No. 27).

63. Indictment of John Ghost, of Berkhamstead St. Peter, labourer, for breaking out of the house of correction in the said said parish.

" Committed to gaol for six months and publicly whipped."

80-81. Estimate of intended repairs at the Shire House.

90. Account for repairs to Ford Bridge in the parish of Braughing, the stone copings and parapet walls of which were pulled to pieces, and the stones and bricks thrown into the river by some persons unknown.

Nov. 13. Paid for victuals and drink for a bricklayer and labourer "to keep them from dieing in the cold water" 8*s*. 6*d*., &c.

102a 4 September, 1787. William Hayton to ———. "Sir John Saunders Sebright, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Cottin, Dr. Jeffreys, Mr. Bland and Mr. Bingham, in Session at Berkhamstead this day assembled, have directed me to acquaint you that Ghost who was committed by the Court of Quarter Session, and also Baker and Hughes who were committed by the Judge at the last Assizes to the Bridewell at Berkhamstead have all broken gaol and are now at large, owing to the insufficiency of the strength of the Bridewell to detain felons." Encloses an estimate made by Mr. Loader carpenter at Berkhamstead.

Estimate. To planks, iron bars, &c., to make good the hole in the wall where the prisoners broke through and shutter to the window with proper fastenings, 1*l*. 9*s*. 7*d*.

To lay inch-and-a-half oak plank floor to prevent their getting under the foundation wall in the prison, 6*l*. 3*s*. 3*d*.

To curb round the top of the wall in the yard with iron spikes and branches to prevent their getting over, 12*l*. 8*s*. 6*d*. (see also No. 143 next bundle).

133. 12 May. Draft letter from the Clerk of the Peace of the County to the Town Clerk of Hertford.

In consequence of a letter from the Mayor and Aldermen of Hertford, addressed to the Justices of the Peace for the County of Hertford, reporting the repair of the Shire House, having been read, it was ordered that the Clerk do signify to the Corporation, in answer thereto, that the Justices conceive that the Shire House is vested in them and that the supporting, amending and keeping the same in repair is also vested in them, and that the expense thereof is to be defrayed as to two third parts by the County of Hertford, and the remaining one-third part by the Mayor, Aldermen,

and Commonalty of the Borough of Hertford. That they have this day contracted with workmen for the repair thereof, but as there is part of the sub[scription] for building the County Room unapplied, it is proposed to appropriate that to the repair of the said room. Therefore they have directed a most exact account to be made of the expenses attending that room. As soon as they can with precision they will inform the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty the amount of the expense of the repair of the Shire House, exclusive of the said room, and will call upon them for one-third part of such expense.

141-156. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1788.

15. 15 December. Inquisition taken at the house of James Clayton situate at Galley Lane, near Barnet Common. The jurors say it will not be to the damage or prejudice of the King or others if the King should grant to William Lee Antonie, Esq., licence to enclose a footway lying between Totteridge and Barnet Common in the County of Hertford, and leading from the road at Totteridge, through a farmyard of the said William Lee Antonie in the tenure of John Trott, Esq., and a lane of the said William Lee Antonie leading from the said farmyard to a field of the said William Lee Antonie, called the Chalk Field, in the occupation of Richard Bingham, Samuel Bingham, and Edward Bingham, and round the east end of the said field over a bridge into a field of the said William Lee Antonie, in the parish of Chipping Barnet called the Great Whitings to the gate of the said field leading to Barnet Common in the said parish of Chipping Barnet, containing in length from the Totteridge road to the said gate leading to Barnet Common 1260 yards and in width about three feet. To hold to the said William Lee Antonie and his heirs for ever.

52. Indictment of George Ward, of the parish of Widford, labourer, for stealing two pullets, value 1*s*.

"To remain one month and be publicly whipped."

83. Account for repairs to Nunn's bridge in Cheshunt.

115-130. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1789.

17. 4 September. Great Chesterford. Notice [to the Clerk of Peace for Hertfordshire] that an application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing session for making a canal for the purpose of navigation from the town of Bishop's Stortford through the parishes of Bishop's Stortford, Farnham, Birchanger, Stansted Mount Fitchet, Takeley, Elsenham, Ugley, Great and Little Henham, Broxted, Chickney, Ovendon, Ricklin, Widdington, Maunden, Clavering, Wickham, Newport, Dibden, Wendon, Fishmore Bottom, Wimbush, Saffron Walden, Littlebury, Great and Little Chesterford, Strethall, Ashdon, Ickleton, Arkesden Berden, Hinxtone, Duxford two parishes, Wittlesford, Pampesford, Sawston, Stapleford, Great and Little Shelford, Baberham, Great and Little Abbingdon, Great and Little Hildersham, Great and Little Linton, Horseheath, Balsham, Hawkstone, Newton, Harilstone, Hazelingfield, Cumbertone, Trumpington, Granchester, Barton, Cotton, Cambridge, sundry parishes, Cherryhinton, Great and Little Feversham, Fullewin, Great and Little Wilbraham, Barham, West Wickham, West Wratting, Weston, Colville, Bottisham, Qui, Barnwell, Chesterton, Willingham, Brinkley, Westley, Dullingham, Stetchworth, Wood Ditton, Newmarket, Great and Little Swaffham, Reach, Burwell, Exning, Wicken, Landwade, Snailwell, Sudlingham, Cheveley, Soham, Burrough Green, Fordham, Chippenham, Badlingham, Kennet, Kentford, Istcham, Freckenham, Worlington, Mildenhall, Heringswell, Kirby, Barway, Ely, Cots, Stuntney, Norney, Sasse Quaney, Ely Little Shell, Ely Great Shell, Prickwillow, Unley Hards, Barton Mills, Eriswell, Lakenheath, Wangford, Brandon, Hockwold, Wilton, Icklingham, Weeting, Littleport, Churchham, Stackworth Ditton, Saxum, and Feltwell.

87. 16 March. Examination of John King. He deposes that he, Thomas Pateman, Edmund Pateman, and Henry Rumbold, being together at Rumbold's house in Old Street, in the parish of St. Luke, Middlesex, Rumbold said he would take

take them to a place about fourteen miles off, where they could get a quantity of lead that would get them a guinea apiece, and that he would take it to a place where they would run it down and he would allow 14*s*. per hundred. Accordingly they all set off till they arrived at the church in North Mimms where they stripped the lead off the church porch and placed it in a cart, but, on returning, the cart broke down and the said Rumbold hid the lead in a pond.

106. Indictment of Thomas Hall, of Bushey, labourer, for stealing a chaff knife, value 10*d*.

To be publicly whipped next Saturday and discharged.

107. Indictment of Thomas Rumbold and Thomas Pateman, of North Myms, labourers, for stealing 5cwt. of lead, value 3*l*., the goods of the Churchwardens of North Myms.

"Both found guilty; pleaded their clergy. To be transported for seven years."

119. Indictment of William Smith, of Essendon, labourer, for stealing a printed book called *A New Guide to the English Tongue*, value 6*d*., and another printed book called *The Sunday Scholar's Manual*, value 3*d*.

138. Disbursements attending keeping the gaol from Easter 1778 (*sic*) to Easter 1789:—

For making out three passes, 6*s*.; for whipping Thomas Baker, 5*s*.; for making out a pass, 2*s*.; for conveying John Hyde to Hitchin, 16*s*.; for whipping him, 5*s*.; for conveying John Savil and John Tyard to Ware and whipping them 150 yards, 1*l*.; for whipping Charles Knight, 5*s*.; gave Jones, Ghost, Knight, Humberstone and Osborn 1*s*. each to carry them home; for making out five passes, 10*s*.; for whipping Bow Eaton, 5*s*.; necessaries for Thomas Davis in an ague and fever 14*s*.; for making out a pass, 2*s*.; for whipping Joseph French, 5*s*.; gave Gotton, Sharp, Munt and Benning 1*s*. each to carry them home; for sweeping chimneys, 10*s*.; for conveying Sarah Gregory on board *the Lady Juliana* lying in the Gallions below Woolwich, 1*l*. 16*s*.; postage for orders, 1*s*. 6*d*.; attending at Mr. Nicolson Calvert's and Mr. Dunster's to sign the contract, 10*s*.

144. Estimate by Robert Loader, carpenter to pave the Bridewell yard, &c.

To sink and pave the yard with flint stones and repair the drain from the yard into Cox Lane, 2*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* To cleanse and sink the necessary 6ft. deeper, stone it up with flints, carry away the soil, new floor, skirt and "cill" to the door, 4*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*; to "fann" the "whell" mend the pump and cover the top of the "whell" with 1½ inch oak planks and repair the glass window by the side of the pump, 2*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*; to make good the foundation of the wall and steps with bricks going into the dungeon, 15*s.*; to mend the stock and hearth in the kitchen, make good the plastering in the passage, and four locks to the doors, 17*s.* 6*d.*; to "deal framed shutters window butt and bead with proper fastenings," 1*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*; "to deal cistern under the pump with lead pipe into the drain," 12*s.*

146. Account for work done to the Bridewell at Buntingford, on account of James Hoy breaking out of the prison.

176. Gaol calendar. Samuel Martin committed for one year or until he shall pay the sum of 30*l.*, being convicted of killing deer in the parish of Hatfield, in the park of the Earl of Salisbury.

183. 26 December. West Haddon. Letter from W. Sleath to ——— Rook, Clerk of the Peace.

I have taken the liberty of writing to you by the bearer, who is the distressed father of an unfortunate young man in confinement in your gaol, to beg you would be so kind as to present the enclosed petition and attestation of the young man's character to the Justices assembled at the Quarter Sessions, by doing which the youth, who is an only son, may be restored to society and, seeing his error, may avoid all offence for the time to come.

Petition of William Sleath, curate of West Haddon and other parishioners :—

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify that William Reves who is now confined in Hertford gaol on suspicion of stealing some ducks, is born of honest parents in the parish of West Haddon, Northamptonshire, and has

been personally known to your petitioners from a child, has lived hitherto in credit, and never been guilty of any dishonest action.

187. 5 October. Petition of Archibald Bell, Minister, Patrick Haswell, John Logsdon, David Davies, and Thomas Ward, Protestant Dissenters from the Church of England, commonly called Independents, to the Justices of the Peace, asking for a licence for a newly built meeting house at Cheshunt Street.

191. Return of Cornelius Willson, keeper of Hertford Gaol, in pursuance of the statute.

That felons and debtors are kept separate; that the gaoler does not sell, lend, use, give away, or suffer any spirituous liquors within the gaol; that a copy of the clauses under which the two preceding returns are made, and a list of the fees payable by debtors, and the rules and orders for the government of gaols, has not been hung up in the gaol; a clergyman is provided to officiate in the gaol; that persons acquitted or discharged upon proclamation for want of prosecution, are discharged as soon as their irons can be got off, without fees; that the walls and ceilings of the cells have been scraped and whitewashed about once a year; that the cells are kept clean, and are supplied with ventilators; that no rooms are kept apart for the sick; that a warm and cold bath or bathing tubs are not provided; and that a surgeon is appointed.

192-206. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1790.

16. 20 November. Order by William Baker and Henry Dunster, Justices of the Peace, that a certain part of the highway in the parish of Tewin, lying between Digswell Water and Tewin, viz.: from a gate standing in the highway leading from Welwyn to Hertford, and crossing the river Mimram near a house late in the occupation of the Dowager Lady Cathcart, deceased, through the lands of Earl Cowper called Tewin Warren to the corner of a wood called Worsely Wood, for

the length of 154 poles 20 links or thereabouts and particularly described in the plan hereto annexed, be diverted and turned. Having viewed a course proposed for the new highway in lieu thereof, that is to say, from another gate standing in the said highway leading from Welwyn to Hertford (southward of the said first mentioned gate) crossing the said river Mimram, and through the lands and grounds of Earl Cowper to the aforesaid corner of the said wood called Worseley Wood, of the length of 198 poles 36 links or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 30 feet or thereabouts, particularly described in the said plan, and having received evidence of the consent of Henry Cowper, Esq., one of the guardians of the person and estate of the said Earl Cowper, an infant, to the said new highway being made through the said Earl's lands, it is ordered that the said diversion be made accordingly.

Plan annexed.

Note on plan:—The new road is 33 feet less in ascent than the old road.

75. Indictment of Thomas Arnold, John Corrall, Thomas Peacock, William Maybank, Thomas Nash, John Davis, James Harditch, William Farr, John Wade, Thomas Atkins and Pardoe Green, of Bishop's Hatfield—being workmen and journeymen in the art and occupation of papermaking, and employed as such by Thomas Vallance of the said parish, papermaker—for conspiring to compel the said Thomas Vallance to enhance their wages by 1*s*. weekly, and for threatening that, if he failed to do so, they would quit his service at the expiration of 14 days.

Endorsed: Indictment for a conspiracy.

87. Indictment of John Halsey and John Day, of North Mimms, labourers, for stealing a piece of bacon, value 7*d*.

Both found guilty and ordered to be privately whipped and passed home.

103. Indictment of Elizabeth, wife of Edward Branning, of Cheshunt, labourer, for uttering counterfeit money.

"Imprisoned for six months and surety for six months."

106a. Easter Session. Certificate by Daniel Hinton, John Goodsom, Thomas Eggelton, Richard Mullis, Thomas Watermore, and Seth Lee, Protestant Dissenters from the Church of England, commonly called Independents, that a barn in the possession of Daniel Hinton, in the parish of Tring, in the Hamlet of Willston, is intended to be used by them as a place of religious worship.

107. Account of Cornelius Willson for conveying 19 convicts on board the "Stanislaus," lying off Woolwich Warren.

149. 4 October, London. Letter from Francis Carter, to ———. Having repeatedly, and by letter, requested of the contractors for building your new County Bridewell (Messrs. Best and Austin) to expedite the work that the buildings may be tiled in, agreeable to the tenour of the contract, I find that my requests are not complied with. Therefore it is my duty as surveyor to inform you that unless a greater number of men are set on work, or those at present employed kept to their business, it will be impossible to have the buildings tiled in by November. The season of the year, hitherto, has been very favourable for building, but should the present month be otherwise there is reason to suppose that the brickwork to be completed may sustain damage from frosts. Therefore I trust such steps will be taken to compel them to proceed with the greatest expedition. I have also to observe that some part already done is not to my satisfaction, and that I must insist on its being taken down immediately.

Postscript. I should be much obliged to the gentlemen to turn their thoughts to the intended infirmary of the present gaol. Till their resolve is known they cannot make a finish of the men's cells and the passage to the chapel on the east side of the bridewell. If what has been suggested should take place, of course it will alter the present plan.

154-169. Returns of the average price of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1791.

8. 21 December. Inquisition taken at the house of James Peacock, known by the sign of the "Three Crowns," situate at Sparrows Herne, in the parish of Bushey.

The jurors say that it will not be to the damage or prejudice of the King if he grant to Sarah Isherwood, of Bushey, spinster, licence to enclose part of a certain high road, leading out of the turnpike road at Sparrows Hearne to the town or village of Little Bushey, which road so proposed to be enclosed contains in length 36 poles or thereabouts; and part of a certain cross road, leading into the aforesaid high road, which part of the said cross road so also proposed to be enclosed contains in length 13 poles or thereabouts, the said Sarah Isherwood to hold the said ways so enclosed to her and her heirs for ever so that the said Sarah Isherwood shall set out in her own land another road as convenient and commodious and safe in all respects whatsoever for passengers and travellers to pass and repass through the same and also fix substantial oak posts and rails necessary, the said Sarah Isherwood, her heirs and assigns, for ever hereafter to keep such posts and rails in repair, and also keep the said new road in good repair for the space of seven years from the date hereof. The jurors find that the first mentioned road contains in length 36 perches, and in breadth 1 perch, and that the last mentioned way contains in length 13 perches, and in breadth 10 feet.

70. Depositions of Joseph Ansell, of St. Albans, gardener. That as he was going along the common footpath through a wood called Parsley Wood, in the neighbourhood of Ruddick Hall, with a little terrier at his heels, he was suddenly arrested by Joseph Dynes, gamekeeper to ——— Hale, Esq., of King's Walden, upon pretence that he was a poacher, who with the assistance of John Cotton and John Dynes searched the clothes of deponent, whereby he lost a shilling and a pocket handkerchief, the said John Cotton standing before him the whole time with a drawn sword with the edge close to deponent's head. They frequently endeavoured to extort from him a confession that he was in pursuit of game. He was then taken to Mr. Brand's, of Kimpton Hoo, where he was kept in custody till 11 o'clock at night before he was brought before him, although he frequently requested it, but was told that Mr. Brand was engaged at cards and could

not be interrupted. Upon deponent being brought before Mr. Brand, Joseph Dynes alleged that he had been found in a wood in which several snares had been set the night before, that he had a dog with him, and that he suspected him to be a poacher. Mr. Brand enquired if any snares had been found upon him and upon being answered in the negative enquired if he was beating for game, and was told no, and asked lastly whether the dog was hunting. To which Dynes replied that the dog was not out of the footpath, nor was he hunting, but he heard deponent say "chew" to the dog. Whereupon Mr. Brand said that was encouraging the dog and was quite sufficient. He then, without giving him any opportunity of sending for such evidence as the nature of his case required, told him he was convicted in the sum of 10*l* for using a dog on a Sunday with intent to kill game, although deponent alleges that neither he nor the dog had been out of the footpath.

Deponent further says that Mr. Brand told him he would excuse him from the penalty if he would catch a hare and sell it to any unqualified person at St. Albans, for that many persons from that place were continually destroying his game. That he would give him leave to go and catch a hare for that purpose anywhere but in his manors where he bid him defiance, saying with an oath that steel traps and spring guns were set all over his manors, and that if he was not a magistrate he would give him a hare for that purpose, and he should have time as long as he pleased to do it. Whereupon deponent was released and told to attend again on Monday fortnight. Upon his attending again Mr. Brand asked if he had done as he had been advised, but being told by deponent that he never intended it, and pleading his inability to pay, asked Mr. Brand how it could be thought that a poor man like deponent could raise 10*l*. Mr. Brand replied with many oaths that he might go and rob on the highway for what he cared, but unless he paid the money immediately he should go to gaol. Deponent then told him he had sureties for his appearance at the Quarter Session to appeal against the conviction. Whereupon the said Mr. Brand with many horrid oaths said

deponent intended to make a fool of him, and if he had known deponent could have found a friend in the world he would have sent him to gaol before.

The said Mr. Brand then and not before told deponent's sureties that he was convicted on his own confession. Deponent further says that Mr. Brand has construed or pretended to understand deponent's admission of the fact of speaking to the dog into a confession of the fact of hunting with intent to kill game, and has actually inserted the same in the conviction, although this deponent positively denies having made any confession of the offence.

By reason of such confession falsely inserted in the conviction deponent was precluded from any benefit or relief from his said appeal as his confession was made to appear of record although falsely and untruly.

80. Indictment of Henry ——, of Whethamsted, labourer, and Martha Sayers of the same, spinster, for stealing a quantity of lead.

"Both ordered to be burnt in the hand in open court."

94. 26 April. Certificate by William Baker and Robert Cholmondeley that a new highway in the parish of Tewin, made through the land and grounds of Earl Cowper, in lieu of another highway in the said parish through the land and ground of the said Earl, called Tewin Warren, is completed and put in good condition and repair.

95. Estimate for the repair of Nun's bridge in Cheshunt (see also No. 133).

100. Account of Cornelius Willson for conveying various convicts from Hertford on board the *William and Anne*, lying in the Gallions, being 32 miles, at one shilling a mile each convict.

111. Account of disbursements attending the keeping of the gaol:—Whipping William Moss behind a cart through the town, 10s.; ditto a second time, 10s., etc.

123. Account of Cornelius Willson for conveying divers convicts on board the transport ship *Pitt*, lying off Gravesend.

130. Account for carpenters' work done in the alterations of the Courts of Justice.

132. Account for work done at the Bridewell at Great Berkhamstead.

159. 14 November. Letter from Cornelius Willson to the Justices of the Peace. The reason of my writing a calendar at this time is that as you are going to take the state of the new Bridewell into your consideration. I wish you would make some enquiry in regard to the old, for really there are so many prisoners that lie in one little room, I am really afraid of the fever. I have done everything in my power to stop such a dreadful calamity, which I hope to God never will happen again. I have had Mr. Bradley to see in what state they lie at present, and likewise to examine the new cells to see that there are no damps so as to affect the prisoners' healths. I cannot help remarking that there is not one prisoner committed by the Justices in this Calendar for hard labour. At the same time I should be glad to know how far I am justifiable in setting prisoners to work without an order under the hand and seal of a Justice of the Peace.

Calendar: John Pestell, committed 26 October until next Quarter Sessions. He is quite naked and very lousy, so I have confined him to the womens' ward, having none of them at present, until this meeting of the Justices for orders what I must do for him.

168. Report, under the statute, made by Cornelius Willson, keeper of Hertford gaol.

That felons and debtors are kept separate; that the gaoler does not sell, lend, use, give away or suffer any spirituous liquors within the gaol; that a list of the fees payable by debtors and the rules and orders for government of gaols and prisons is not hung up in the gaol; that a clergyman is provided to officiate in the gaol; that persons acquitted or discharged upon proclamation for want of prosecution are discharged as soon as their irons can be got off, without fees; that the cells are kept clean but there are no ventilators in them; that two rooms are not set apart for the sick; that a warm and cold bath or bathing tubs are not provided; that a surgeon or apothecary is appointed.

169-183. Returns of the average prices of wheat, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1792.

17. 25 January. Consent by George William Prescott, of Theobalds, in the parish of Cheshunt, Esq., to the making of a new bridle way described below in consideration that the old bridle way be vested in him.

27 June. Order by the Rev. William Browne and the Rev. Thomas Marsham, Justices of the Peace, that a certain part of a public bridle way in the parish of Cheshunt, lying between Bulls Cross and Bury Green, 539 yards in length, be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public, and that a new bridle way in lieu thereof be made through the lands of George William Prescott, of the length of 550 yards and of the breadth of 27 feet or thereabouts.

1 July. Certificate by the said William Browne and Thomas Marshall, that the said new bridle way has been completed.

Further order that the old bridle way of the length of 539 yards and of the breadth of 17 feet be sold by the Surveyor to the said George William Prescott if he be willing to purchase the same at the full price thereof; if not to some other person or persons.

Certificate that the old bridle way was sold and exchanged to the said George William Prescott for the sum of 10*l.* and the soil of the road, which said sum the Justices order the said ——— Prescott to pay to the said Surveyor to be applied in repaying him for making the new bridle way and stopping up the old, and if any surplus remain the same to be applied to the use of the highways within the said parish (see also No. 137—receipt for the purchase money).

Plan.

25. 29 August. Order by P. Newcome and William Browne reciting that a certain part of a highway lying in the parishes of Shenley and Ridge leading from Well End in the parish of Shenley, and passing near the house of Justinian Casamajor, Esq., and by a place called Cross Oak, on and towards the village of Ridge, of the length of 338 poles or thereabouts, set forth in the plan annexed, is incom-

modious to passengers by reason of its lying lower than the lands adjoining; and that another road to and from the same places, containing in length 320 poles or thereabouts, has been made (a great part at the expense of the said Justinian Casamajor) partly along an old lane called Summers Wood Lane, and partly through the grounds of the Earl of Hardwick (which were given by the said Earl in consideration of certain other lands which the said Earl is hereby empowered to enclose) which new road, as appears by the plan, is nearer and more commodious to the public, and is properly made and in good condition and has been used some years.

It is ordered that so much of the old highway as is between the place called Beech Tree and that called Cross Oak, and is between the letters A and B in the plan being of the length of 218 poles, and of the breadth of 60 feet, be stopped up as being now useless, and the land and soil thereof sold to the said Justinian Casamajor, whose land adjoins thereto, saving to the lords of the manors their manorial rights, and saving to the Earl of Hardwick a certain part of the said highway, as set forth in the plan, and distinguished by fences in the said old highway, being the property of the said Earl, with an entrance thereinto at the north end of the said old highway called Cross Oak and marked C.

Further order that another lane, marked D in the plan, formerly leading from the north end of Summers Wood Lane by a little rill of water, and which before the said new highway was made was of use to get to the lands of the said Earl but which is now useless, be stopped up, and the land and soil thereof given to the said Earl in lieu of the way he has, as before set forth, given through his lands to accommodate the public.

Further order that the said new highway described in the plan annexed be henceforth deemed and considered as a public highway in lieu of the old highway hereby ordered to be stopped up, and that the said new highway be for ever repaired and amended by the parish of Ridge in which it lies instead of the two old highways or such parts thereof as are now ordered to be stopped up.

26. Plan relating to the foregoing.

90. Presentment that Bedwell bridge in the highway in the parish of Essenden is very dangerous for want of repair.

109. Presentment that a bridge over the river Benwick called Cow Bridge, in the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, in the highway there leading from Hertford to the village of Bengeo and divers other places, is in great decay.

114. 9 January. Certificate—made under the Act of 31 George III intituled "An Act to relieve upon conditions and under restrictions the persons therein described from certain penalties and disabilities to which Papists or persons professing the Popish religion are by law subject"—by James Willasey and John Potier that they are "priests professing the Popish religion," that their place of congregation for religious worship is at Old Hall in the parish of Stondon, and that they keep a school for the education of youths professing the same religion at Old Hall aforesaid.

115. 9 June. Certificate by James Cavalier, John Boultwood, Ann Boultwood, and Susanne Pleasance, that they intend to use a house, being the property of John Boultwood, situate in the parish of Albury, for the purpose of divine worship.

125. Disbursements attending keeping the gaol: For burning William Matthews in the hand 5*s.*, etc.

135. Return of a rate of 1s. in the pound charged on the parish of Harpenden; the names of contributors and amount of assessments are given.

136. Account of Cornelius Willson for subsisting and conveying prisoners.

For conveying Jane Hooton on board the *Royal Admiral*, Captain Bond, lying below Gravesend, 2*l.* 5*s.*

For conveying Benjamin Jones, William Lezars, and seven other prisoners on board the *Stanislaus* below Woolwich.

153-154. Account against the County for repairs to Cow bridge, Hertford.

181. Report of the keeper of Hertford gaol in terms similar to that for the previous year (No. 168) except that two rooms are set apart for the sick, and that a warm and a cold bath are provided.

185. List of "Catholicks"—Margaret Backhouse, widow, John Willacy and John Potier, priests, and John Sedcombe, farmer, all of Stondon.

186. Order that Messrs. Bert and Austin be paid the sum of 500*l.* on account of their contract for building the new House of Correction at Hertford.

190. Returns of the average prices of wheat, etc.

BUNDLE FOR 1793.

105-106. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Watford to the parish of Aldenham, used for horses, carts, carriages, and coaches, and that a certain part of the said highway from the beginning of a lane leading to the village of Delbrow in the parish of Bushey to a certain part in the said lane called Hickman's corner, containing in length 1250 yards and in breadth 8 feet in 580 yards of the said length, and 4 feet in 670 yards thereof, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Bushey ought to repair the same. (No 138 is a certificate that the said highway has been repaired).

128. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Walkern to the village of Green End, in the parish of Little Munden, for horses, carts, coaches and carriages, and that a certain part of the said highway through part of a common field called Haslers in the parish of Little Munden, containing in length 400 yards, and in breadth 12 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the said parish of Little Munden ought to repair the same.

130. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Clothall to the town of Baldock, and that a certain part of the said highway called the Green Highway, in the parish of Weston, containing in length six furlongs

and four poles, and in breadth 12 feet, beginning at the south east corner of certain grounds lying in the parish of Weston, called Lower Clothall Penns, and ending at the north east corner of certain other grounds lying in the parish of Weston, commonly called the Three Cross Closes, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Weston ought to repair the same.

132. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Bishop's Hatfield to St. Alban's and to the parishes of Ridge, Shenley, and St. Peter, in the County of Hertford, and that a certain part thereof called Colney Heath in the parish of North Mimms, containing in length 60 poles or perches and in breadth 60 feet, and a certain other part of the said highway called Dellsom Lane in the said parish of North Mimms, containing in length 100 poles and in breath 7 [70 ?] feet, are in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of North Mimms ought to repair the same.

158. Account for conveying divers convicts on board the *Prudentia* hulk lying at Woolwich Warren, 32 miles at, 1*s*. a mile.

165. Account for repairs to the Town Hall.

187. Report on the condition of the gaol in terms similar to that of the previous year (No. 190), except that a warm or cold bath or bathing tubs are not provided.

BUNDLE FOR 1794.

9. Notice by the inhabitants of North Mimms, that they intend to move to withdraw their plea of not guilty to the indictment preferred against them, they having repaired the highway referred to in the indictment (No. 132 in previous bundle).

72. 5 May. Information of Elizabeth Jackson, mistress of the workhouse in the parish of Bishop's Stortford:—That Mary Reed has been an inhabitant of the said workhouse for nine months and upon her leaving to go to service, a gown, a white apron and a silk bonnet belonging to other inhabi-

tants of the said workhouse were missed, and were afterwards found in a bundle belonging to the said Mary Reed.

82. Presentment that William Dolby, of Hodsdon, cotton manufacturer, has stopped up an ancient footway belonging to the inhabitants of Hodsdon, which leads from thence by the cotton mill to the parish of Roydon in the County of Essex, and has destroyed the footbridge and brick arch which was laid over the drain adjoining the said mill for foot passengers to pass over the same. (See No. 92, indictment of the said William Dolby).

84. Indictment of William Wilson, of All Saints, Hertford, yeoman, for discharging a loaded blunderbuss at the windows of the dwelling-house of Charles Beecroft of All Saints.

88. Indictment of William Blakely, of Royston, carpenter, for obstructing a certain common street and highway called the Back Street in Royston by placing dung there.

96. Indictment of William Want, of the parish of Much Hadham, bricklayer, for exercising the trade of a tallow chandler, without having been apprenticed thereto for seven years.

98. Indictment of Mary Ailey, of the parish of Bishop's Stortford, spinster, for stealing a silver spoon value 10*d*.
"Imprisoned in a solitary cell for 12 months."

103. Indictment of Nathaniel Brittain and Richard Brittain, of Ware, labourers, for obstructing a common lane and highway at Ware called Water Row by placing dung, &c. thereon.

114. 4 July. Certificate by the Rev. Peter Newcome and Thomas Marsham, Justices of the Peace, that the road over the common or heath in the parish of North Mimms, being 167 poles in length, has been new made and is covered with good gravel to the breadth of 12 feet, and that the work has been done in a substantial manner; that so much of Dolsome lane as has been indicted, being 100 poles in length, is now repaired and put in good condition; that the ditches on each side have been opened and new arches built to carry off the water; and that the whole lane, including the said 100 poles, is now well repaired.

180. May 14. Account of C. Willson for conveying John Prior, Philip Prior and Isaac Roblett on board the *Lion* hulk lying off Gosport; 99 miles at 1*s*. a mile.

165. Gaol Calendar. Sarah Simpson, William Ambrose, Thomas Willson, George Fuller otherwise Adams, and John Adams are ordered to be transported for seven years.

166. Notice to move to respite till next Sessions the Recognizance of Thomas Pollard, entered into at the last General Quarter sessions for the appearance of the inhabitants of North Mims, to try their traverse to an indictment brought against them for not repairing Colney Heath and Delsom Lane. The parish is now repairing the highways indicted but has not finished them so as to obtain the necessary Certificate.

167. 10 July. Order in Vestry for the parish of Hitchin that a rate of 4*d*. in the pound be levied to defray the expenses of the Surveyors of the Highways in the said parish. Signed by Daniel Times, vestry clerk.

169. Report as to the condition of Hertford gaol in terms similar to that for 1792, No. 181.

BUNDLE FOR 1795.

60. 7 September. Information of Henry Mason of Baldock, baker: That between 9 and 10 o'clock on Saturday night last a great number of persons tumultuously and riotously assembled at Baldock and came to the house of the deponent. That Edward Anderson and William Trigg insisted that the price of bread must be lowered, and they remained in a most riotous manner before his house for two hours in which time some of them broke his windows. Deponent particularly observed James Webster, who carried a handkerchief by way of a flag, and repeatedly threatened that if the price of bread were not lowered they would come again on the following Monday night.

61. 7 September. Information of William Lewer, of Baldock, baker. That there was a similar riot outside his house, and that Edward Anderson, labourer, said they had come to

ask deponent to lower the price of bread, and deponent replied it was not in his power without consulting the rest of the bakers. That the rioters then went away but returned two hours later and broke his windows.

62. 7 September. Information by James Kimpton, baker, as to the same riot.

66. Indictment of William Tanner, Overseer, John Ealey, Churchwarden, and William Cowley, Constable of the parish of Idlestree, for conspiring to procure a marriage between Adam Blacknell, a poor man, having a legal settlement in the parish of Enfield, co. Middlesex, unable to keep himself and a wife, and Sarah White, a poor woman, having a legal settlement in the parish of Idlestree, with the intent to relieve the parish of Idlestree and to burthen the parish of Enfield with the maintenance of the said Sarah, which marriage was solemnized.

85-86. Indictment of various persons for taking part in the riots mentioned in Nos. 60, 61, and 62.

See also No. 70 for the assault on Henry Mason; in which case the prisoners were found not guilty. In the case of William Lewer the prisoners withdrew their plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty.

95. Account of disbursements attending keeping the gaol:—

Paid for horses and cart to attend the execution of James Hawkins, 10*s.*; rope and executioner, 11*s.* 6*d.*; wine for the sacrament, 1*s.* 3*d.* Paid for horses and cart to attend the execution of William Salmon, 10*s.*; rope and executioner, 11*s.* 6*d.*; wine for the sacrament 1*s.* 3*d.*; for digging the grave, 2*s.*

102. Account of ——— for attending the Justices acting for the Hundred of Edwinstree as their Clerk at the first Petty Sessions appointed to be held at the *George* Inn at Buntingford, for the purpose of carrying into execution an act for raising a certain number of men in the several Counties of England for the service of His Majesty's Navy: Filling up certificates of men enrolled and parish returns, and preparing minutes of the proceedings, 1*l.* 1*s.*

107. Account for work done to the bridewell at Berkhamstead.

124. Account of the Clerk of the Peace.—Deficiency for advertising notice to let the labour of prisoners, 14*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*, &c.

136. Gaol Calendar. William Warner, charged upon oath with having committed a misdemeanour in assembling, together with others and threatening that if their wages were not increased at a future time they would demolish the houses of Samuel Mason and others

152. Order by [the Justices of the Peace]. That the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor shall, with the consent of the Justices of the Peace, from time to time take order for setting to work those children of all such whose parents shall not be thought able to keep them. And also for setting to work all such persons, married or unmarried, having no means to maintain themselves, and who use no ordinary and daily trade of life to get their living.

That the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor shall meet together once every month in the church on Sunday afternoon after divine service, to consider of some good course to be taken in the premises; everyone absenting himself shall forfeit 20*s.*

The Justices of the Peace now assembled having taken into consideration the continued and increasing dearness and scarcity of provisions of every description, and having heard with much pleasure and satisfaction of the exertions and regulations of many parishes in this County for supplying the labouring poor with bread and other provisions, do most earnestly recommend to all other parishes throughout the County which have not adopted such measures forthwith to supply their poor with flour or bread, or such other provisions as may be substituted instead, at such reasonable rates as shall enable them to purchase a sufficient quantity for the maintenance of themselves and their families.

And it is also recommended to the proprietors and occupiers of land to subscribe in their respective parishes a sum for the above purpose proportionable to the interest they may have therein.

And it is ordered that the Clerk of the Peace do cause

these recommendations to be printed, published, and affixed to conspicuous places in every town and village throughout this County, and to transmit copies thereof to the officiating clergymen of the different parishes with a request that they will write to the non-resident landowners of their respective parishes soliciting their subscriptions to the measures above recommended.

153. The King *v.* Dalby, for a nuisance. "The defendant was indicted for destroying a bridge in the parish of Broxbourne; he pleaded not guilty, and entered into Recognizances to try his traverse at this Session.

The defendant has put down a new bridge, and the prosecution is satisfied, but neither prosecutors nor defendant are here, nor has the defendant been able to obtain a certificate.

Therefore please to move that the estreat of defendant's Recognizances be respited till next Session."

BUNDLE FOR 1796.

57. 4 November. Recognizances for the appearance of John Constable and others, of the parish of Ware, labourers, to answer such indictments as shall be preferred against them by Samuel Taylor, John Cobham, William Leake, and Joseph Masey, bargemasters and maltsters of Ware, for unlawfully conspiring to raise their wages, and for riotous assembly. (See also No. 14).

95, 97, 99. Indictments of the above-named defendants for the said offence and for assaulting certain persons in the employ of the said Samuel Taylor and compelling them to leave his employment.

116. Indictment of James Smith and William Norton, of Tring, labourers, for stealing three "hen fowls" value 10*d.*

"To be imprisoned in Bridewell for a twelvemonth, unless sooner admitted by a Justice into the King's service."

165. 11 January. C. Willson to Richard Stanley. I hope you will pardon the liberty I take in soliciting a small allowance

more for the convicts in the bridewell if any should be convicted this Session, as eighteen pence will not buy them a pound of bread a day.

166. 2 October. Letter dated "Julians" from A. Meetkirke to ————. Informing him that the bridge at the South end of Buntingford (a County bridge) is out of repair in the coping, which is of wood; the arches are perfectly sound. The coping is entirely decayed and must be new made. The Surveyor of the road has at times seen to the repairs and has been paid by the Treasurer of the County. "If it be thought proper that he should inspect the business, I will, as Treasurer of the Trust, give directions accordingly."

167. Articles of agreement: We, the undersigned, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held in and for the County of Hertford, on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1796, impressed with a sense of the evils which may be experienced by His Majesty's subjects in consequence of the deficient supply of wheat, unless timely and effectual measures are taken to reduce the consumption thereof within such limits as may prevent the pressure of actual scarcity, previous to the next harvest, and may secure as far as possible the necessary subsistence of the people of this kingdom, until it shall please Divine Providence to restore the blessing of general plenty, do hereby jointly and severally pledge ourselves in the most solemn manner to execute and maintain to the utmost of our power the following resolutions, and also most earnestly to recommend the same to be adopted in our respective neighbourhoods:—

We will reduce the consumption of wheat in our families by at least one-third of the usual quantity consumed in ordinary times. In order to effect the reduction either we will limit to that extent the quantity of fine wheaten bread used by each individual in our families, or we will consume therein only mixed bread of which not more than two-thirds shall be made of wheat, or we will consume only a proportional quantity of mixed bread of which more than two-thirds is made of wheat or a porportional quantity of bread made of wheat alone, from which no more than five pounds

weight of bran per bushel is excluded. And we will also (if it shall be necessary for the purposes of this engagement) prohibit in our families the use of wheaten flour in pastry, and diminish as much as possible the use thereof in other articles than bread.

By some or more of these measures, or by any other which may be found equally effectual and more expedient and practicable in our respective situations, we will, to the utmost of our power, ensure the reduction above-mentioned of at least one-third of the quantity of wheat usually consumed in our families in ordinary times.

This engagement shall remain in force until 14 days after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, unless the average price of wheat in the whole kingdom shall be reduced before that time to 8s. per Winchester bushel.

And we do earnestly recommend to our fellow subjects to adopt and strictly adhere to the same.

Signed by Richard Stanley, Chairman; W. Sebright, T. Plumer, S. Baker, A. Meetkirke, Roger Parker, Thomas Hope Byde, N. B. Dimsdale, William Browne, Arthur Hamilton, James Gordon, junior, B. Dickinson, Bn. Mackey, John Keet, R. Winter, J. P. Calvert.

168. Report on the condition of the County gaol in terms similar to that for 1792, No. 181.

BUNDLE FOR 1797.

31. 4 September. Recognizance for the appearance of Robert Flack, of Ware, yeoman, and John Rudkin, of Harlow, in the County of Essex, surgeon, for their appearance to answer for disturbing a dissenting congregation in a licensed meeting house at Sawbridgeworth (see also Nos. 32, 33, 34, 54).

61. Indictment of Zephania Laird Eade, of Sawbridgeworth, labourer, for disturbing a congregation of protestant dissenters at a meeting house in Sawbridgeworth.

Fined 20*l.* and committed till it be paid.

77. Indictment of John Welch the younger, of Wormeley, waggoner, for obstructing the highway in the parish of Wormeley with a loaded wagon.

79. Indictment of James Smith the elder, of the Hamlet of Hoddesdon, in the parish of Broxbourn, labourer, and Elizabeth his wife for uttering counterfeit money.

"Committed to gaol for six months and to find sureties for six months longer."

83. Petition of Henry Blowes Johnson, son of Isaac Johnson, of Chancery Lane, Esq.

Shewing that by Indentures of Apprenticeship dated 1 January, 1795, petitioner, with the consent of his father, was bound apprentice to Thomas Merry, of Baldock, surgeon and apothecary, for the term of seven years, and it was also stipulated that after the expiration of five years of the said seven, petitioner should be at liberty to depart from the actual service of the said Thomas Merry for the residue of the said term of seven years in order to prosecute his studies in physic at Edinburgh or any other place.

Petitioner's father paid the said Thomas Merry, 80*l.* for accepting petitioner as his apprentice and instructing him in the said arts or professions, and for providing him with sufficient meat, drink, and lodging during his apprenticeship.

In April, 1796, the said Thomas Merry so illused petitioner that, for his own safety, he withdrew himself from his house and employment, but by the interposition of petitioner's friends a reconcilation was effected, and petitioner returned to his duty, but shortly afterwards the said Thomas Merry continued his illtreatment, and again petitioner was under the necessity of leaving his employment.

The said Thomas Merry, whilst petitioner was in his family, was addicted to very excessive drinking and was frequently intoxicated, and when in that state not only conducted himself with great intemperance and harshness towards petitioner but many times threatened to destroy himself, and has proceeded so far in his attempts or pretended attempts at suicide that petitioner has been called (sometimes out of his bed) by the wife of the said Thomas Merry to assist her in preventing him from committing such threatened act.

Petitioner therefore prays to be discharged from his apprenticeship, and that the said Thomas Merry may be

directed to repay part of the premium, given in consideration of his apprenticeship, to petitioner's father.

Order by the Justices for the said Thomas Merry to attend to hear and abide the judgment of the Court in the matter.

84. Petition of the inhabitants of Chipping Barnet to the Justices of the Peace. Shewing that by an Act of Parliament 3 George III. it is enacted that from and after the 25th day of March, 1763, that part of the Great North Road from London (lying in the parish of Chipping Barnet) beginning at Barnet blockhouse and ending at the Bear Inn, Hadley, shall be repaired, widened and enlarged, and that the Surveyor or Surveyors appointed or to be appointed shall cause causeways, drains, ditches or trenches to be made on any part of the said additional road in such manner as the trustees appointed by the said Act or any five or more of them shall judge necessary for the better mending and repairing of the same; so nevertheless as that no part of the footpaths or causeways contiguous or belonging to the said additional highway be less than three feet in width.

That the inhabitants of the parish of Chipping Barnet in order that the provisions of the said Act might more effectually be carried into execution in respect of the said additional road, advanced and paid to the trustees of the said road the sum of 120*l.* upon condition that the said trustees should take the whole charge and expense of making and keeping in repair the said additional road, and the footpaths or causeways contiguous to the said road and of fencing the same from the carriage way, for the safety of foot passengers, with posts and rails.

That the trustees altered and repaired the footpaths or causeways leading through the town of Chipping Barnet and fenced the same with posts and rails, and for some time continued to keep the same in repair, but for a considerable length of time past they have neglected the same, alleging that by the said Act they are not bound to repair the same.

Petitioners submit that if the trustees do not repair the said footpaths or causeways, and petitioners should be at the expense thereof, petitioners will be entitled to charge

the said trustees with the said sum of 120*l.* with interest, lent to them as aforesaid.

That by a clause in a former Act for repairing and amending other parts of the Great North Road from London, of 9 George II., and which is continued in force by the said Act of 3 George III., it is enacted that it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace of the Counties of Middlesex and Hertford at any of their respective General Quarter Sessions to appoint one or more fit person or persons of the said Counties to survey and view the ruinous roads within their respective jurisdictions, to enquire of and concerning the tolls taken, and, in case such person or persons shall find any misapplication of the moneys collected or levied, or any other abuse of the power and authority by such acts given, such persons shall thereupon certify to the Justices at the next General Quarter Sessions, who are empowered and required to hear, examine, and finally determine the same without further or other appeal.

They pray the Justices to appoint one or more fit person or persons, pursuant to the directions of the said Act of George II., for the purposes therein mentioned.

86. Report of Thomas Mawe, of North Mimms, yeoman, appointed to survey and enquire of several matters mentioned in an Order made by the Justices of the Peace of 21st Jan., 37 Geo. III: That he proceeded to examine with respect to the sum of 120*l.* paid to the trustees mentioned in the preceding petition. He finds by the testimony of divers persons that the said footpath or causeway adjoining the additional road or highway, which extends from Barnet blockhouse to the town of Chipping Barnet, has always, since the passing of the said Act of 3 George III., and still is, repaired at the expense of the said trustees.

That he has given notice to all the persons whose testimoney he received in respect of the matters contained in his report to attend this Court to be examined on oath touching the premises.

118. Account of Henry Alington for attending the Sheriff and Grand Jury, and taking instructions to advertize their reso-

lutions to take and circulate bank notes, and for advertising in the *Sun*, *Star*, *Morning Herald*, and *County Chronicle*.

119. Account of the Clerk of the Peace:—For an allowance of Articles of New Union Society, at Welwyn, 2*s*.; making copy of letter from the Secretary of State to the Marquess of Salisbury for an account of foreigners in this county, &c.; attending printer with proclamation for the suppression of mutinous proceedings at the Nore, &c.

120. Account of C. Willson for conveying divers convicts on board the *Lion* hulk in Langston harbour.

121. Account of repairs to Standon bridge.

125. Account for repairs to the Town Hall.

137. 9 January. Gaol Calendar. William Norman, John Robinson, and John Ellis, charged with misbehaviour in the workhouse of the parish of Hatfield, are ordered to be kept in solitary cells for one month and to be whipped once every week.

BUNDLE FOR 1798.

67. Depositions of James Grey, of Bishop's Stortford. He mentions the Ducking Stool Bridge.

89. Indictment of John Warren, of Bishop's Stortford, labourer, for stealing a serge waiscoat, &c.

Found guilty; permitted to enlist as a soldier.

100. Indictment of Edward Clarke, of Little Amwell, labourer, for stealing 40 lbs. of lead, value 2*s*.

Found guilty and ordered to be imprisoned for three months in bridewell, and once publicly whipped the last Saturday.

102. Indictment of Alexander Harris, of Great Amwell, labourer, for stealing three pieces of rough oak timber, and one piece of wrought oak timber, value 2*s*.

Found guilty. To be transported for seven years.

109. 9 July. Certificate—by Thomas Preston, of Warden, in the county of Bedford, that he was, by virtue of an Act of 36

George III., intituled "An Act for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, meadows, pastures, waste lands, and other commonable lands and grounds in the parish of Norton, in the county of Hertford," duly appointed Surveyor of all the public carriage roads, by virtue of the said Act set out, in, through, over, and upon the lands and grounds by the said Act intended to be divided and enclosed, and to cause the same roads to be formed and put in sufficient repair—that all the said roads are completely formed and repaired.

111. Account by the Clerk of the Peace of moneys expended under the Navy and Army Act:

Preparing papers for, and attending General Session, and receiving lists of the numbers of inhabited houses in the County, 1*l.* 1*s.*; making copy of letters from the War Office, respecting the regulating officer; attending Petty Sessions and writing eight letters to Justices' Clerks informing them that Captain Blair had been appointed such officer, 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

129. Account of C. Willson for conveying Alexander Harris to Langston harbour.

132. Account for repairs to Buntingford bridge.

136. Account of C. Willson for conveying convicts to the hulks at Woolwich.

BUNDLE FOR 1799.

71. 30 July. Information of William Moule, of Royston, agent to the assignees of Mary Mean, late of the Bull Inn, Royston: That on the 23rd inst. a person came to the Bull Inn in a chaise with four horses, and represented himself to informant to be a brother or brother-in-law of Lord Lennox, in consequence of which, and of his telling the informant that he had four horses coming to the said inn, the informant was prevailed upon to advance two guineas for the hire of the said chaise and four horses and post lads from Stevenage, which money informant paid in consequence of "such his gentlemanlike coming to his house, and said representation

of himself." That at various times since, the person calling himself the brother or the brother-in-law of Lord Lennox, and afterwards Charles Thomas Graham, and further stating that he was an officer in the 52nd Regiment of Foot (but on searching the Army List no such person appears as an officer in it), has ordered dinner, supper, wine, &c., amounting to the sum of 6*l.* and upwards with which informant furnished him.

108. Indictment of John Plumley, of Sawbridgeworth, labourer, for uttering counterfeit coin.

Committed to gaol for 12 months and to find sureties for two years.

111. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Baldock, and that a certain part of the said highway, in the parish of Letchworth, containing in length 200 perches and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Letchworth ought to repair the same.

112. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading through and from the town of Radwell into another ancient highway and turnpike road leading from the market town of Baldock to the market town of Biggleswade, and that a certain part of the said first mentioned highway situate in the parish of Radwell, leading from a farmyard in the occupation of John Sampson, in the parish of Radwell, to a pond of water in the parish of Radwell, adjoining to the first-mentioned highway, containing in length 20 poles, and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Radwell ought to repair the same.

113. 15 July. Certificate by George Fordham, gentleman, that he was appointed—by virtue of an Act of 35 George III., intituled "An Act for dividing and allotting the common and open fields, meadows, commonable lands and waste grounds within the parish of Kelshall, in the County of Hertford,"—to be Surveyor of all the public carriage roads by virtue of the said Act set out and appointed in through over and upon the lands and grounds by the said Act intended to be divided and allotted, and that all the said roads are made fit for the passage of travellers and carriages.

117.—Account of the Clerk of the Peace :—" The proceedings of the Barnet Association for the Preservation of Good Order, &c., requesting the aid of the Magistrates of this County, having been presented at this Session, drawing and recording resolution of the Court being ready to lend all aid in its power, and order that the Clerk do acquaint the Association therewith," 10*s.* 6*d.*; fee on allowance of Friendly Society Articles at Ware, 2*s.*; paid the Constable of Sawbridgeworth his expenses for conveying two deserters from the Supplementary Militia to Danbury Camp, 5*s.*, &c.

BUNDLE FOR 1800.

79. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the market town of St. Albans to the market town of Dunstable in the County of Bedford, and that a certain part thereof situate in the parish of Kensworth, beginning at a toll-bar erected across the said highway at the distance of 2 furlongs, 2 poles and a half beyond the thirtieth milestone from London, and ending at the distance of 6 furlongs and 14 perches beyond the thirty-second milestone from London, containing 4,438 yards in length, and 10 yards in breadth,* is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Kensworth ought to repair the same.

81. Presentment that there is a highway leading from St. Albans to Dunstable, and that a certain part thereof situate in the parish of Caddington, beginning at a toll-bar erected across the said highway at the distance of 2 furlongs, 2 poles and a half beyond the thirtieth milestone from London, and ending at the distance of 6 furlongs, 14 perches beyond the thirty-second milestone from London containing 4,438 yards in length, and 10 yards in breadth,* is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Caddington ought to repair the same.

91. Indictment of William Smith, of the parish of Ware, for obstructing a common lane and highway in the said parish, called Water Lane, adjoining to and leading from the com-

* Presumably the road was 20 yards in breadth; and for the repairs in respect to 10 yards of that breadth the parish of Kensworth was liable, whilst for the repair of the other ten, the parish of Caddington was liable.

mon street and highway there called Water Row, by placing dung, &c., thereon.

108. Indictment of Nathaniel Brittain, of Ware, labourer, for the like offence.

109. Indictment of John Wheatley, of Ware, labourer, for the like offence.

116. Certificate by Woolaston Pym and Thelwall Salisbury, Clerk, Justices of the Peace, that a certain part of the highway leading from Hitchin to the town of Baldock, in the parish of Letchworth, containing in length 200 perches, and in width 20 feet, has been sufficiently repaired.

139 & 143. Accounts of C. Willson for conveying convicts on board the *Stanislaus* and *Prudentia* hulks at Woolwich.

156. Gaol Calendar. Richard Walters *alias* Munt, and Thomas Hill, charged with robbing William England on the highway of a canvas purse containing bank notes to the value of 120*l.*, the property of the Duke of Leeds. There are numerous other entries of highway robbery.

161. Gaol Calendar. Samuel Keggs committed for three calendar months, or until he pays the sum of 5*l.* for fishing in a pond, the private property of the Rev. Thomas Pennington, in the parish of Thorley.

174. Notice "to move that the order of Nathaniel, Baron Dimsdale, and the Rev. William Browne, for diverting and turning the footpaths therein mentioned, may be confirmed."

182. The inhabitants of Letchworth are indicted for not repairing a highway; they pleaded not guilty at the last Sessions, since which the ruts have been levelled, and 69 loads of stone have been picked, and would have been carried on the road but for the wet weather. The Surveyor has engaged with — Bunch, a farmer in the neighbourhood of Letchworth, to carry the stones. "Therefore move that the Recognizance of — Rutland, who has quitted Letchworth, be discharged, and that the Recognizance of Henry Eve, be taken for appearance at the next Session."

185. "To distrain the inhabitants of the parish of Radwell (near Baldock), for not repairing a certain part of the highway leading from a certain farmyard, in the occupation of John Sampson, to a certain pond of water adjoining the highway leading from Radwell into another highway from Baldock to Biggleswade, containing in length, 20 poles, and in breadth 20 feet."

BUNDLE FOR 1800.

52. 15 October. Recognizance for the appearance of William Sams, of Cheshunt, victualler, to prefer an indictment against William Warren, for uttering counterfeit coin, and for the appearance of Jonathan Trott to give evidence.

BUNDLE FOR 1801.

72. 20 January. Recognizance for the appearance of William Roberts and William Jennings, overseers of the poor of the parish of Hemel Hempstead, to prefer a bill of indictment against William Goodson, of Piccotts End, in the parish of Hemel Hempstead, gardener, and Ruth his wife, for ill-treating and nearly starving to death Elizabeth, their daughter, aged 12 years.

130. 14 January. Depositions of Elizabeth, wife of William Oldham, of Piccotts End, miller.

That she has often heard the blows which the said Ruth Goodson gave to the said Elizabeth Goodson, who is the "daughter-in-law" of the said Ruth. The blows were with a stick and too hard to be given her. She has used the child most cruelly by not allowing her proper subsistence and almost starving her, and that the task set her to perform in making lace in one day was more than it was in her power to do.

144. 27 May. Complaint of Samuel Harradine, of Ashwell.

That on 23 May, he was keeping sheep with William Walker, of Bygrave, in the fields of Bygrave, and deponent having put a wooden bottle in a hedge which William Walker afterwards could not find, the said William Walker threatened to kill the deponent if he did not find it. He

threatened him again on Sunday and Monday, saying that if he did not bring the bottle at night he would "properly dress him." When deponent that same night had put the sheep into the fold, the said William Walker took him by the ears and beat his head violently against the earth and stopped his mouth full of earth to prevent his crying out. He then ordered him to fetch two fold sticks, one to knock the stakes in to fasten the hurdles and the other "to leather him with." He then so assaulted him that blood came from his ears and nose. Deponent then endeavoured to get home but could only go as far as the dunghill where he lay all night.

149. 7 September. Depositions of William Catley, of Barley, labourer.

"That his wife Ann is no wife to him; that she shall not live with him nor come into the room where he is. That he will stand to that on his death-bed. That he has never seen her to be near her for some months past, and that he never intends she shall come near him. That he cannot say what threats he might have uttered against his wife in his passion. That he was provoked on seeing the parish officers seize his goods. They provoked him to the highest degree, and he will never do anything more for his wife and family as long as he lives; that they have done his goods forty shillings worth of damage, and sold his fruit off his trees at an under price.

150. 26 September. Depositions of Richard Edwards, of Sandon.

That he is constable of the said parish. That on Saturday evening last, he found Joseph Gilby in a public house much in liquor and breaking the peace. He put him in the stocks, but he broke the lock and got out, and broke the stocks and threw the pieces in a pond.

171. Indictment of William Warner, of Cheshunt, labourer, for uttering a counterfeit gold coin similar to a seven-shilling piece.

"Committed to gaol six months, and to find sureties six months longer."

178. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from and through the village of Radwell into another ancient and turnpike road, leading from the market town of Baldock, in the county of Hertford, towards and unto the market town of Biggleswade into the county of Bedford, and that a certain part of the first mentioned highway in Radwell, leading from a certain pond there eastward towards the said turnpike road, containing in length 44 yards and in width 18 feet, and another part of the said highway leading from the back gates of Wollaston Pym, clerk, in Radwell, to the north-east corner of a farmyard and buildings in the occupation of John Sampson, farmer, situate in Radwell, containing in length 258 yards and in width 20 feet, are in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Radwell, ought to repair the same.

181b. 12 April. Letter, dated at Haresfoot, from Thomas Dorrien to Nicholson Calvert :—

I address this to you as you were so good as to communicate the opinion of the Christmas Quarter Sessions respecting the application of William Rogers, for an increase of salary or an allowance for bread, &c., for the prisoners, in consequence of the excessive price of bread and the great increase of prisoners, which, I am sorry to say, is, unfortunately the case and seems to be a growing evil.

The magistrates had no opportunity to take the letter into consideration till the present time, and desire me to express their thanks to the Court of Quarter Sessions for having so handsomely referred the matter to them, and to submit that the allowance of 20*l.* per annum be given to Rogers in future, and that he be allowed for bread, &c., for the use of the prisoners upon producing, at each quarter session, a regular account of the same, to be signed by two magistrates acting for this division.

I fear the present account cannot be regularly made out, as no memorandum was kept of the consumption for the last year or for the last quarter. The magistrates, therefore, made the best calculation they were able, which amounts as follows :—For the year ending Christmas, 1800, 8*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; for the quarter, Christmas to Lady Day, 1801,

2*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* The whole year is calculated upon a supposed allowance of one pound of bread per day for each person; the latter quarter upon nearly a pound and a half.

189. Estimate of repairs to be done at Berkhampstead bridewell.

190. The bill of the clerk of the peace:—In consequence of a letter from the Duke of Portland, Secretary of State, recommending to the magistrates various means for alleviating the distress of the poor, drawing and recording resolution for adjourning session to consider same, 10*s.*

27 Jan., 1800. The House of Commons having appointed a committee to take into consideration the several acts for regulating the price and making of bread, drawing and recording resolution that the consideration of this session be postponed till next adjournment, 1*l.* 1*s.*

31 May, 1800. Drawing and recording order that any two magistrates do order Bedwell bridge to be repaired. The like for paying the carpenter's bill for repairs at Braughing bridge; for paying John Dickerson's bill for the like at Wadesmill; the like for paying Samuel Orgar's bill for the like at Hadham bridge; the like for paying Samuel Andrew's bill for carpenter's work at the Shire House; the like at the gaol and bridewell, &c.

14 July, 1800. Drawing order for paying Mrs. Wilson, the gaoler, an extra allowance of bread to prisoners on account of the high price thereof, &c.

30 August, 1800. Attending the Lord Lieutenant at Hatfield, respecting the publication of His Majesty's proclamation for suppressing riots, &c. Paid for printing 100 copies thereof. Writing 68 letters to the magistrates and deputy lieutenants therewith.

6 October, 1800. Drawing seven resolutions and recommendations for the reduction of the price of provisions and relief of the poor, and order for the same being published in the "County Chronicle," and sent to the magistrates, parochial officers, &c.

191. A weekly account of bread delivered to prisoners from Michaelmas Sessions to Epiphany, 1801. The price of the quartern loaf was as follows:—

On the 20th and 27th October, respectively, 1*s.* 3½*d.* and 1*s.* 3¼*d.* On the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November, 1*s.* 3*d.*, 1*s.* 4*d.*, 1*s.* 4¾*d.*, and 1*s.* 5*d.* On the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th December, 1*s.* 5¼*d.*, 1*s.* 5½*d.*, 1*s.* 5¾*d.*, 1*s.* 6¼*d.* and 1*s.* 7*d.* On the 4th and 11th January, 1*s.* 8½*d.*

197. Account for repairs at the Sessions House.

206. Account of bread supplied to prisoners from Epiphany Sessions to Easter Sessions. The price of the quartern loaf was as follows :—

On the 18th and 25th January, 1*s.* 8½*d.* On the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd February, 1*s.* 7*d.*, 1*s.* 7*d.*, 1*s.* 7½*d.*, and 1*s.* 7½*d.* On the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th March, 1*s.* 8*d.*, 1*s.* 8½*d.*, 1*s.* 10*d.*, 1*s.* 10*d.*, and 1*s.* 10*d.* On the 5th and 12th April, 1*s.* 9*d.* and 1*s.* 8¾*d.*

216. Similar account from 19th April to 19th July. On April 19th and 26th April, 1*s.* 8¾*d.* and 1*s.* 8½*d.* On the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st May, 1*s.* 8*d.*, 1*s.* 6½*d.*, 1*s.* 5*d.*, 1*s.* 4¼*d.*, and 1*s.* 4¼*d.* On the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th June, 1*s.* 4*d.*, 1*s.* 4¼*d.*, 1*s.* 4½*d.*, and 1*s.* 4½*d.* On the 5th and 12th July, 1*s.* 4½*d.*

260. 5 October. Certificate that part of an ancient highway leading through and from Radwell to Baldock, and another part of the said highway (as set out in No. 178) have been repaired.

261. 10 July. At a vestry held in and for the parish of Hitchin, it was agreed that a rate of 6*d.* in the pound be granted to the surveyors of the highways.

BUNDLE FOR 1802.

83-85. 22 February. Recognizances for the appearance of the Rev. William Young, Charles Skillern, of Great Hormead, John Merris, shopkeeper, and Charles Totman, shoemaker, both of Buntingford, to answer for disturbing the congregation in the parish church of Layston, on 21 February.

83. 22 April. Depositions of Anne Ephgrave, of Handside, Hatfield. That as she was going to Welwyn to the meeting-house on Sunday last, she was assaulted by James Brown.

107. Presentment that there is an ancient highway in the parish of Bishop's Stortford, leading from Farnham, in the County of Essex, towards and unto the market town of Bishop's Stortford, and that a certain part thereof lying in Bishop's Stortford, beginning at and near a certain place there called the Cross Lanes, and so continuing on towards Bishop's Stortford, for the length of 3000 feet, and being 10 feet in width, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Bishop's Stortford ought to repair the same.

109. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Furneux Pelham, towards and unto the village of Hare Street, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Little Hormead, beginning at the north-east corner of a certain common field situate in Little Hormead, known by the name of Highfield, and so continued towards the village of Hare Street, being 4605 feet in length, and 12 feet in width, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Little Hormead ought to repair the same. Also that another part of the said highway lying in the parish of Little Hormead, and leading from the village of Furneux Pelham to Hare Street, commencing from the north-east corner of a certain enclosure in the occupation of John Clark, and continuing thence along the said highway to Hare Street, being 1584 feet in length, and 8 feet in breadth, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Little Hormead ought to repair the same.

122. Indictment of Charles Skillorn, of Layston, yeoman, for entering the parish church of Layston on 14 February, 1802, and disturbing the congregation there (see above No. 32-35).

130. Indictment of Joseph Gilby, of Sandon, labourer, for breaking out of the stocks at Sandon on the night of 19th September, where he was imprisoned for being riotous and breaking the peace.

131. Indictment of Elizabeth Horton, wife of William Horton, of Ware, for assaulting and starving Alice Horton, an infant of tender years, daughter of the said William, and thereby endangering her life.

133. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Furneux Pelham to the village of Hare Street, and that a certain part of the said highway lying in the parish of Great Hormead, beginning at a gate which opens out of a certain lane called Duck Street Lane, and continuing thence in and along that part of a certain common field called Highfield, in Great Hormead, being 557 ft. in length, and 15 ft. in breadth, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Great Hormead ought to repair the same.

136. 26 April. Certificate that a certain building at Hoddesdon, on the premises of Mr. Isaac Peat, is now used as a place of worship for Protestant dissenters.

Signed by Samuel Driver, James Aylott, James Crosby, Humphrey Birche, Charles Manlove, and John Hughes.

137. 25 September. Certificate that the highway lying in the parish of Little Hormead, beginning at the north-east corner of a certain common field in the said parish known by the name of High Field, and so continued towards Hare Street, being 4605 feet in length, and 12 feet in breadth, has been repaired.

138. 25 September. Certificate that the highway mentioned in the Indictment No. 133 has been repaired.

145. 6 January. Account of C. Willson, for conveying eleven "transports" on board the *Prudentia* hulk, at Woolwich, viz., 1s. each per mile being 32 miles.

165. Account for repairs to the county bridge in Cheshunt Wash.

169. Bills of costs in the suit of "The King *v.* the County of Herts for not repairing Roydon Bridge." Amongst the items are the following:—

Attending the steward of the manor of Stanstead, and searching Court Rolls to see if there were any presentments relative to the repairs of the bridge.

Journey and expenses, and inquiring of several old men about Roydon, who had formerly done the repairs.

Retainer to Mr. Erskine and clerk

Summons for suggestion to try in Middlesex.

Trinity term. The prosecutor got the *postea* returned, and entered up judgement for the King.

181. Weekly account of bread for the prisoners at 1½ lb. each per day, from Michaelmas 1801, to 11 January 1802.
The prices per quartern loaf vary from 10d. to 1s. 1d.

182. From Epiphany Session to Easter Session, the price varies from 9d. to 11½d.

186. The like from Easter to Midsummer session.
The price varies from 9d. to 10d.

193. The like from Michaelmas to October. The price varies from 9½d. to 10d.

BUNDLE FOR 1803.

35. 9 September. Recognizance for the appearance of William Knights, of Buckland, wheelright, to prefer a complaint against James Grant his apprentice, "for getting drunk, sleeping out at nights and neglecting his work."

65. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the west end of the parish of Kimpton to St. Albans, a certain part whereof situate on and leading over Guster (*sic*) Wood Common, in the parish of Wheathamstead, containing in length 600 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Wheathamstead ought to repair the same.

67. Indictment of George Brett, of Cheshunt, yeoman, for ejecting William Denis, of Upper Thames Street, London, grocer, and John Mogirrie, of the Parish of St. John, Clerkenwell, grocer, from certain messuages in Cheshunt.

72. Indictment of William Brett, of Cheshunt, tallow chandler, for throwing stones and rubbish into the dwelling-house of Ursula Brett, of Cheshunt, widow, for breaking the glass windows of the said house, for threatening the said Ursula, and for assaulting Robert Godwin, her servant.

76. Indictment of Joseph Smith, of the parish of All Saints, Hertford, labourer, for obtaining from William Wyld the elder, and William Wyld the younger, of the parish of

St. Laurence Pountney, in the Ward of Dowgate, London, hop merchants, a pocket of hops, containing 174lbs., of the value of 8*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*, with intent to defraud and cheat them of the same, the said Joseph Smith pretending that he did a good deal in the hop business, and was well known at Hertford.

81. 12 February. Account for selling by auction the old Bridewell, situate in Back Street, Hertford, which sold to Mr. Edward Blann for 267*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*

88. Account of the Clerk of the Peace. Amongst the items are the following :—

Drawing and recording order for repaving Buntingford Bridewell.

The like for repaving Great Berkhampstead Bridewell.

Drawing and recording order for preparing a pillory for the use of the county.

Drawing and recording resolution and order for rebuilding Roydon bridge according to the estimate of the two counties and for to writing the Essex Committee of Magistrates thereof.

Drawing and recording order for paying Fordham the bricklayer's bill for repairs at Standon bridge.

Receiving the returns of the Armed Association this year.

Allowances for making the Population Returns this year.

101. Account of bread supplied to the prisoners from Epiphany to Easter Session. The price of the quartern loaf varies from 8½*d.* to 8¾*d.*

106. Account for "Militia &c. meetings and chief constables' &c. dinners."

118. Certificate that William Chennels, one of the surveyors of the highways in the parish of Wheathampstead, made oath that, in conformity to an order from the Midsummer quarter sessions last for making a carriage road over Gustard Wood Common, in the Parish of Wheathampstead, he has proceeded in making the said road as far as the time (allowing for hay time and harvest) would admit.

189a. 4 November. N. Calvert to the Clerk of the Peace. You have herewith the examination of Mary Turner, who has been committed to Hertford gaol for next assizes for robbing her master Mr. Roberts of Bonningtons. As is usually the case the ladies of the family are in great trouble, and wish the case to come on at the next quarter sessions so as to save the prisoner a winter's imprisonment. Will you read over the examinations and let me know if this can be done with propriety.

BUNDLE FOR 1804.

96. 8 April. Depositions of Alfred Slater. That he is about ten years of age, and was born at Doncaster where his father and mother live. "That about three months ago, on account of ill-usage by his parents, he ran away from them, and together with one Jack Warren, who is a good deal bigger than himself, went to the Ram at Doncaster and told Mr. Ellis, the waggoner, that they came from London and were lost, and in consequence thereof he suffered them to get into the waggon and brought them part of the way to London, and ordered his waggoners to bring them all the way, which they did, and they were set down at the White Horse in London (the street he knows not), and they stopped there a week, and slept in a waggon in the yard, and were fed by the owner of the house and his family, but were then sent away and have ever since been rambling about, and three nights ago came into the Parish of Cheshunt, and slept two nights in the stable at the Green Dragon there."

125. Indictment of Joseph Chapman, the younger, of Westmill, labourer, for stealing seven sheepskins.

"Ordered to be imprisoned till next Thursday and then publicly whipt through Buntingford and discharged."

130. Indictment of George Aylin, of Ware, labourer, for refusing to assist Hannibal Dunn, one of the constables of Ware, in the execution of his duty.

132. Indictment of Thomas Newberry and Richard Newberry, of Ickleford, labourers, for riotously assembling at Ickleford,

and for assaulting Joseph Buckingham, constable of Ickleford.

135. Indictment of William Wells, of Great Gaddesden, labourer, for assaulting William Mills, and rescuing John Cartrell from the custody of William Byrchmore and Theophilus Hemmings, who had arrested him for having in his possession four partridges, a wire snare for taking hares, and 100 pieces of wire wherewith to destroy game.

137. 9 January. Certificate by Thomas Roberts, the surveyor appointed under the Act of 37 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, &c., in the parish of King's Walden, that the roads set out by the Commissioners under the said Act have been formed and completed.

139. 9 July. Certificate by William Kitchener, of Cheshunt, gardener, surveyor appointed under the Act of 39 Geo. III. for dividing and enclosing the open and common fields, &c., common lammas meadows, and a certain common called Cheshunt Common, in the parish of Cheshunt, that the roads set out by the Commissioners under the said Act have been formed and completed.

140. 17 September. Certificate, dated at the Horse Guards, by Henry Burrard, lieutenant-colonel of the First Regiment of Foot-guards that Charles Farmer, a private in the said Guards, since his enlistment about twelve months since, has behaved in a quiet soldier-like manner, and that he is considered as a good-humoured fellow by his comrades."

141. 1 October. Certificate by "Rogus" Parker, appointed a surveyor by the Commissioners under the Aldenham enclosure, for forming a public carriage road upon Aldenham Common, that the said road is formed and made good.

148. Bill of the Clerk of the Peace. Among the items are the following:—

The old Bridewell at Hertford being this day sold, drawing and recording order for the Clerk of the Peace taking every necessary step for completing such sale.

Searching the County records and making extracts therefrom, for a great many years, relative to the Old Bridewell at Hertford, lately sold.

Making copy of a long letter from the Privy Council to the lieutenant of the County, recommending measures for taking up all straggling seamen.

Writing fifty letters to acting magistrates for apprehending deserters, in consequence of a letter from the lieutenant of the County, enclosing one from Lord Pelham.

Drawing and recording order of appointment of visiting justices and physicians to Much Hadham madhouse.

Receiving returns of the Armed Association this year.

146. Account for repairs to the county bridge in Cheshunt Wash.

153. Account of Mr. Wilson: For covering the execution cart with black cloth, 2*l.* &c.

155. The like:—For conveying Joseph Chapman to Buntingford to be whipped there, 12*s.* For whipping him, 5*s.*

158. Account of bread for prisoners from 9 April to 9 July. The average price of the quarten loaf varies from 7¾*d.* to 8*d.*

165. Account of H. Austin, junior, for printing.

166. Account for bread for prisoners from Midsummer to Michaelmas session. The price of the quarten loaf varies from 8*d.* to 11½*d.*

178. 9 January. Gaol calendar, William Cuthell charged on the oath of Benjamin Medcalf with having defrauded him by receiving a bounty as substitute in the army of reserve, knowing himself to be an apprentice and thereby being incapable of serving in the Army.

BUNDLE FOR 1805.

66. 7 August. Complaint of Robert Agar, of Gillam, co. York, labourer. That on his return from the neighbourhood of London, where he had been to mow, he stopped at Royston at the sign of the Dolphin, after he had had refreshment there he desired John Watson a tailor, who was then in the house, to mend his waistcoat, and when it was

done the complainant took out his money consisting of nine one pound Bank of England notes, one seven shilling piece and three dollars, and they then drank together a short time. Watson asked complainant to go for a walk which he was very unwilling to do being fresh with liquor. They afterwards went to the house of Mark Jackson where complainant was robbed of his money.

67. 7 August. Depositions of John Nicholson, victualler, that on Monday last Robert Agar came into his house with Mr. Gray, waggoner, they called for some liquor to drink and they had some purl and rum and water. Deponent seeing that Agar was in liquor desired him to go upstairs and lie down in order to recover himself. The waggoner again came in and desired to see his companion. He was shewn upstairs and soon afterwards they came down and had a shillingsworth of rum and water, and while they were drinking, John Watson, a tailor, came in and mended Agar's waistcoat. Agar took out his money to pay him, and deponent saw Watson look at it with great eagerness, as if he wished to take it up. They afterwards went out together.

69. 2 October. Examination of John Smith, of Ashwell, touching the place of his last legal settlement.

He says he was born at Kelshall, where he lived with his father and mother till he was five years of age, when his father went to Bygrave where they stayed five years. Deponent then let himself to John Lucas, of Willian, for a year, and received 4*l.* wages. He then let himself to John Rayment, of Bennington, at 6*l.* a year for two years, and then went to Bygrave for a year where he received 9*s.* a week, and two guineas for harvest, and breakfast every Sunday. Since that time he has done no act to gain a settlement. He has a wife and two children.

76. 16 December. Depositions of James Dupin Nash. That on Sunday last as he was coming from his mill to the town of Hitchin, he saw a small cart painted blue with red wheels and a black horse with white heels stand in the lane which leads by the back of Mr. John Ransom's yard. He saw John Lawrence with the cart who had backed it against the

fence of Mr. Ransom's yard, evidently with the intention of taking two sacks of bran therefrom.

77 & 79. 17 December. Evidence on the prosecution of Thomas Busby and others, for carrying away the fences of a coppice wood in the parish of Tring, and some of the rails of the new enclosure of the common called Tring Common.

82. 28 December. Information of George Jessett, overseer of the poor of Bishop's Hatfield. That Thomas Ansell, of Bishop's Hatfield, labourer, deserted his wife and children who were taken to the workhouse. He afterwards gave himself up, and was also taken to the workhouse. He went out to work on condition that the master of the workhouse should receive his earnings, making him the usual allowances; but he has paid nothing, and has again absconded.

104. 14 January. Petition of Thomas Impey, of Bennington, labourer, praying to be relieved from contributing towards the support of the illegitimate child of Fanny Knight, as he has a wife and six children, only two of whom can do anything towards their own maintenance. Petitioner earns half-a-guinea a week, and his wife earns half-a-crown. Out of this, 2s. a week has to be paid to the mother of the other child. Petitioner mentions that the said Fanny Knight met at church with another man, Joseph Darton, with a marriage licence, but the minister refused to marry them, a year not having expired since the banns were published between her and one Robert Trussel.

105. Bill of the clerk of the peace. Amongst the items are the following:—

Drawing and recording order for paying Lord Salisbury 3s. 4d., rent of a repository for militia arms at Hatfield.

Three copies of a letter from Lord Hawkesbury to Lord Salisbury, relative to additional pay to Volunteer Infantry for sub-division clerks.

The like to me to make every exertion to complete the levy of men to be raised for the additional force.

108. Account for bread for prisoners from 1 October, 1804, to 14 January, 1805. The price of the quartern loaf varies from 11d. to 1s. 4d.

126. The like from Epiphany to Easter Session. The price varies from 1s. 2¾d. to 1s. 3¾d.

131. The like from 22 April to 15 July. The price varies from 1s. 1½d. to 1s. 2¾d.

137. The like from 15 July to 17 October. The price varies from 1s. to 1s. 3d.

140. Account of relief given to soldiers' wives and children.

141. 7 October, 1805. Gaol calendar. John Lambert committed 31st August, 1805, charged with having on 29th August stopped John Parker on the King's highway in the hamlet of Hoddesdon, and taking from him three one pound bank-notes, one half-crown piece, and 2s. 6d. in [smaller] silver, the property of John Parker, his father.

John Lawrence committed 31 August, 1805, charged with stopping John Lincoln on the highway in the hamlet of Hoddesdon, and taking from him one bank-note value 2*l*., two other bank-notes value 1*l*. each, half a guinea in gold, and some silver, the property of his master, Edward Parker.

William Warren, committed 24 September, 1805, charged with not serving Thomas Gutteridge the last harvest, according to his agreement, for which offence he is ordered to be imprisoned for three weeks.

BUNDLE FOR 1806.

49. 1 January. Complaint of Edward Coock, who says that Richard Parrington assaulted him, whereupon a constable was called who put him in the cage which he broke open.

88. Indictment of Thomas Busby, the younger, of Wigginton, and Thomas Baker, the younger, of the same, labourers, for maliciously pulling down a portion of a fence dividing and enclosing certain common or waste lands and grounds in the parish of Tring, and which said fence then enclosed and divided a certain allotment of the said common waste lands and grounds, allotted to Sir Drummond Smith, baronet, in pursuance of an Act of 36 & 37 George III., intituled "An "Act for dividing, allotting, and enclosing the open and

"common fields, common meadows, common pastures, and "waste lands and grounds within the parish of Tring, in the "County of Hertford."

93. Account of bread for prisoners from 7 October, 1805, to 13 January, 1806. The price of the quartern loaf varies from 10½*d.* to 1*s.* 1*d.* Each prisoner was allowed 1½lb. of bread per day.

107. The like from 13 January to 14 April. The price varies from 11d. to 11½d.

118. The like from 14 April to 14 July. The price varies from 11*d.* to 1*s.* 0¾*d.*

131. 13 January. Hertford. Major Fell, "of the 3rd Battalion," Inspector of Recruits for the County of Hertford, informs the gentlemen of the Quarter Sessions that the two prisoners, John Carrington and James Pigram, have enlisted in the 52nd Regiment, being desirous of becoming soldiers as a commutation for the punishment they have incurred by their malefactions.

132. 5 March. Letter from J. Jacob to ——————. At the quarter sessions held on 15 July, 1805, there was presented a revision of the articles of agreement and rules of conduct belonging to the Union Society, at the Red Lion, Stanstead, but some matters having been introduced in this revised state of the articles, &c., which rendered it possible that a full allowance and confirmation of the whole might not immediately take place, no copy was retained for the use of the society nor a duplicate written in order to be filed with the rolls of the sessions.

These circumstances being stated, it remains for me to beg the favour that the above-mentioned set of articles may be returned to the Society, so that afterwards a duplicate may be written and other preparations made, if necessary, for what seems unavoidably in progress to attain the end desired, namely, a fresh presentment at some future quarter sessions.

But it is my hope that the extension of the views of the Society beyond the professed purposes of its institution, ex-

pressed in the 17th article will appear to correspond with the design with a respectable body united under royal patronage and entitled "The Society for bettering the condition and increasing the comforts of the poor," and accordingly will be allowed by the magistrates on just examination. Also that the regulations introduced in the 22nd article may be considered by them as justly applicable to the 15th clause of the Act and proper to give it due effect, in the case there described, of members who may be aggrieved.

With a clear prospect of such a reception I conceive that a duplicate of the revised articles might readily be transcribed without apprehension of erasure or emendation, and I presume to declare my wish that no disappointment may take place with respect to this proceeding, and further express my intention personally to solicit a return of the articles for that purpose.

156. 14 April. Gaol Calendar. Richard White, committed on the oath of Susannah Jones, for tendering a counterfeit shilling and having more in his possession. He is also detained for having been previously tried and convicted of uttering false money, at the general session of the peace held at the sessions house, Clerkenwell Green, on 10 September, 1804, and sentenced to be imprisoned in New Prison, Clerkenwell, for one year and to find sureties for his good behaviour for two years more.

William Biscoe and John Dane, committed 21 March, 1806, charged with breaking into the house of Thomas Clarke, about two o'clock in the morning of 20 March, and, with sticks and clubs, beating the said Thomas Clarke and Frances his wife, and threatening them with death; and for stealing a sheet, a pillow case, a table cloth, and four pairs of stockings.

158. 14 July. Calendar of prisoners in the house of correction.

John Barber, charged on the oath of John Kemp, a corporal in the Royal Marines, with having assaulted the said John Kemp and obstructed him in the discharge of his duty of enlisting recruits.

John Garner and John Bocock, charged with absconding from their work in husbandry, for which they are imprisoned for one month.

165. April Sessions. Brief for the prosecution in the King *v.* Richard White for uttering counterfeit coin.

The defendant was committed in March last for the above offence for trial at the present session, but it having been since discovered that the defendant is an old offender and has been already convicted of a similar offence at the Session House, Clerkenwell Green, in September 1806 (*sic*) and sentenced to a year's imprisonment and to find sureties &c, the defendant has, therefore, it appears, committed a second offence and capital felony and has had a detainer lodged against him by the Solicitor to the Mint who intends to prosecute for such second offence at the next assizes.

Please therefore move the court that the recognizances of the witnesses may stand respited till the next assizes and that the defendant may remain till that time for prosecution accordingly.

BUNDLE FOR 1807.

77. 11 June. Depositions of Esther Gardener, single-woman, taken at the request of the officers of the parish of Cheshunt that during the most severe part of last winter she went into the house of Ann Smith, wife of John Smith, and there saw the child of John Warby, named Esther, about two years of age up to its middle in a pail of water. She then saw the said Ann strike the infant two or three times over the head with such force as to cause blood to flow profusely from the nose, abusing it the while and using threats and language the most infamous.

78. Depositions of Jane Vines, single-woman. That about a month since she saw the said Ann Smith shaking and beating the infant, Esther, on the head swearing she would beat its nose to its face and using the most horrid imprecations. That the screams of this and the other children of the said John Warby repeatedly alarmed the whole neighbourhood though latterly, from repeated ill-treatment, the

screams of Esther, the youngest of the three, were more faint, and rather those of one dying than of full strength.

79. Mary, wife of John Giffen deposes that when the infant Esther was taken from the said Ann Smith and committed to her charge it was to all appearence in a dying state from the want of proper nourishment and the brutal treatment it had received. Its back from the shoulder to below the knees had been unmercifully beaten and bore the marks and bruises of many stripes. One ear had by a blow been so disfigured as not to bear the appearance of that organ and its nose was beaten flat to the face. One toe had been suffered to rot away from the foot. The general appearances were those of starvation and the most miserable cruelty.

80. Sarah, wife of James Woodfield deposes that she went into the house of Ann Smith and there saw the child Esther tied down with a cord, its face bloody and bearing the marks of the most cruel treatment.

98. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the City of London to the town of Newmarket; that a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Bishop's Stortford, beginning 488 yards beyond the 29th milestone from London, and ending 440 yards beyond the 30th milestone from London containing 1712 yards in length and 10 yards in breadth; and a certain other part thereof lying in the parish of Bishop's Stortford, beginning 879 yards beyond the 30th milestone from London, and ending 1716 yards beyond the same milestone, containing 837 yards in length and 10 yards in breadth, are in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Bishop's Stortford ought to repair the same.

100. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the City of London to the town of Newmarket, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Thorley, beginning 930 yards beyond the 27th milestone from London and ending at the 28th milestone from London, containing 830 yards in length and 10 yards in breadth; and another part thereof lying in the said parish beginning 489 yards beyond the 28th milestone from London and ending 488 yards beyond the 29th mile-

stone, containing 1759 yards in length and 10 yards in breadth, are in decay, and the inhabitants of the parish of Thorley ought to repair the same.

102. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the City of London to the town of Newmarket, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Sawbridgeworth, beginning 357 yards beyond the 24th milestone from London and ending 1522 yards beyond the same milestone, containing 1165 yards in length and 10 yards in breadth; and that another part thereof lying in the same parish, beginning 484 yards beyond the 25th milestone from London and ending 374 yards beyond the 26th milestone, containing 1650 yards in length and 10 yards in breadth; and also another part of the said highway lying in the said parish, beginning 836 yards beyond the 26th milestone from London, and ending 616 yards beyond the 27th, containing 1540 yards in length and 10 yards in breadth, are in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Sawbridgeworth ought to repair the same.

116. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin, through a place called Chalton, in the parish of Hitchin, to the hamlet of Preston, in the said parish; that a certain part thereof, lying in the said parish, commencing at the north-east corner of a certain close called Bodgestead, and ending at the north-west corner of a certain close called the Seven Acres, containing 750 yards in length, and 20 feet, or thereabouts, in breadth; and a certain other part thereof lying in the said parish, commencing at the north-east corner of a certain close called the Great Pym Close, and ending at the south-east corner of a certain close called the Three Acres, containing 286 yards in length, and 15 feet in breadth, are in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Hitchin ought to repair the same.

117. Indictment of Thomas Phillips, of Cheshunt, stage-coachman, for maliciously driving a coach and four against a cart, and throwing George Lowen, aged about five years, therefrom, and causing him injury.

120. Account of bread supplied to the prisoners from Michaelmas, 1806, to 12 January, 1807.

The price of the quartern loaf varies from 1*s*. 0½*d*. to 1*s*. 0¾*d*.

132. Particulars and estimate for repairing and improving the bridewell at Buntingford.

Plan attached.

138. Account of bread from Epiphany to 6 April. The price varies from 1*s*. to 1*s*. 0¾*d*.

141. Bill of the clerk of the peace. Amongst the items are the following:—

Writing 20 letters to commanders of Volunteers for muster rolls.

Drawing and recording order for appointing Mr. Samuel Mason, chief constable, in the room of Mr. Thomas Kimpton, resigned.

Drawing and recording order for paying Mr. Kimpton for chairs, provided for the use of the Shire House.

In consequence of a letter from the Secretary of State to the Lord Lieutenant; for returns of the names and ranks of officers, making up lists of such officers, etc.

Receiving three returns each of 22 Armed Associations this year, etc.

144. Account for bread from 6 April to 13 July. The price varies from 11¼*d*. to 1*s*.

166. Bill of the clerk of the peace. Amongst the items are the following:—

The Marquis of Salisbury having transmitted me a letter from Lord Hawkesbury, of his Majesty being desirous of encouraging the Volunteers, and of his intention of inspecting field officers, with directions to send copies thereof to the commanding officers of such corps, preparing 22 copies thereof and letters.

The like of Col. Cottin being appointed inspecting field officer.

Drawing and recording order for building a new bridewell at Hitchin, and selling the old one under the direction of the magistrates of that division.

Drawing and recording order for repairing the bridewell at Buntingford, under the direction of the magistrates of that division.

Receiving three returns each of 22 Armed Associations this year.

190. 31 March. Certificate by the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Cheshunt, that the sum of 400*l.* directed by an order issued out of the King's Bench on Wednesday next, after the morrow of the feast of the Purification, 46 George III., to be paid by the commissioners named in the Act intituled "An Act for dividing, allotting, and enclosing the "open and common fields, common lammas meadows, and a "certain common called Cheshunt Common, in the county of "Hertford," within 12 months from the date thereof, to the said surveyors to be laid out by them in the repair of the roads of the said parish, has been so paid to the said surveyors.

191. 27 May. Certificate that a barn or building near the Dane in the parish of Great Hormead, next the road leading from Brent Pelham to Hare Street is intended to be used by Protestant subjects dissenting from the Church of England.

Signed by Wm. Judd, Edward Carmen, and Thomas Greene.

197. Petition of John Watson, of Buntingford. That he is solicitous to attain the position of governor, master, or keeper of the house of correction for the hundred of Edwinstry and Odsey, and is by profession a schoolmaster.

BUNDLE FOR 1808.

39. 28 May. Recognizance for the appearance of John Kirby, of Standon, baker, to answer for insulting the Rev. Thomas Bargus, in his capacity of a magistrate.

66. 13 September. Recognizance for the appearance of William Clark, of Bachelor Row, Battle Bridge, in the county of Middlesex, bone boiler, and others, to give evidence against Charles Lyon, charged with uttering counterfeit coin. The

said Charles Lyon, was convicted of a similar offence at the Middlesex Sessions House, on 27th October, 1800.

67. 13 September. Recognizance for the appearance of John Hutt, one of the officers belonging to the Police Office, Hatton Garden, co. Middlesex, and John George, of 8, Back Church Lane, Whitechapel, to give evidence against the said James Lyon.

108. 25 May. Complaint of Thomas Bargus, clerk, a justice of the peace for Hertfordshire:—That as he was returning from London on Friday last, in the Lynn and Fakenham coach, which stopped at the Bell inn at Puckeridge, he heard Kirby of Puckeridge, baker, making a great noise, and swearing and talking so indecently to a woman in the street that he thought it his duty as a magistrate to interfere, and putting his head out of the window he told the said John Kirby that he must not hear such improper language. Kirby then said, "Who are you." Deponent replied, "A magistrate of the county of Hertford." Kirby answered, "Then damn your soul to hell; what do you put "your calf's head out there for? We don't want any calves' "heads here" Deponent then called for the constable, but the coach drove on.

118. 13 September. Information of William Clark:—That on Monday, 5 September, he was at a fair held at the town of Barnet, and being in company with John Hutt, about two o'clock in the afternoon, in a public-house known by the name of the Hart's Horns, in Barnet, when the prisoner Charles Lyon came into the room where deponent was, having ginger nuts for sale. That John Hutt communicated to deponent that he had a suspicion of prisoner's being a dealer in counterfeit money, and gave deponent a good half-guinea desiring him to purchase some gingerbread nuts. Deponent purchased half-a-pound of nuts, and received in change nine shillings, a sixpence, and two pence in copper, and found one of the shillings and the sixpence to be counterfeit. Upon being told of this, prisoner changed the said shilling for another also counterfeit. The said John Hutt then took prisoner in custody.

124. 13 December. Depositions of Thomas Seear, constable, of Hemel Hempstead. That he arrested Philip Francis, a rogue and vagabond, who falsely declared that Robert Clutterbuck, the magistrate residing at Watford, had authorized him to travel collecting alms for three days.

146. Indictment of John Battle, of Cheshunt, labourer, for stealing a pair of leather breeches, and a pair of leather shoes.

To be imprisoned in bridewell for a month, after the expiration of a month's imprisonment on another indictment, and then to be publicly whipped and discharged.

158. Indictment of Robert Cater, of Bengeo, for stealing one cock turkey, value 5*s*., and four hen fowls, valued 4*s*.

"To be transported for seven years."

166. Indictment of Michael Clark, of Hitchin, labourer, for assaulting John Luck, keeper of the house of correction in the parish of Hitchin.

168. Indictment of Thomas Nicholl, Robert Sharpe, John Seare, William Ginger, James Evans, Thomas Hill, Joseph Austin and William Gurney, all of that part of the parish of Studham, which lies in the county of Hertford, for riotous assembling with others there, and pulling down five yards of a fence of James Walters, enclosing certain lands of the said James Walters at the said place, and thereby laying open the said lands to a large waste or common, lying partly in the aforesaid place.

169. Presentment that there is a highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the parish of King's Walden, a certain part whereof in the hamlet of Preston commencing at the south corner of a cottage of Henry Pedder and ending at the place where the same highway enters the parish of King's Walden, containing in length 780 yards and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Preston ought to repair the same.

179. Disbursements attending the keeping of the gaol:—Paid postage for a certificate of three male and one female convicts, 10*d*. Paid postage for an order to remove them, 10*d*.

185. The like for keeping the house of correction:—Paid for whipping John Mardle, 5*s*. Paid for horse and cart to attend him, 5*s*.

195. Account of C. Willson:—For conveying eleven male convicts on board the hulks at Woolwich, 32 miles at 1*s*. per mile each, 17*l*. 12*s*. For conveying two females on board the *Œalus* lying in the Gallions, 36 miles, at 1*s*. each, 3*l*. 12*s*.

199. Account for repairs to Bedwell bridge.

208. Account for painter's work to Bedwell bridge. To 114 yards painted three times in oil, 4*l*. 5*s*. 6*d*. To 480 inches black letters, 1*l*.

209, 210. Accounts for repairs to Bedwell bridge.

215. Account for repairs to the bridge at Aldenham, near Radlett, including painting the woodwork.

216. Account of the Clerk of the Peace:—Drawing and recording order for paying Mr. Ramsey's bill for selling the old bridewell. The like for paying the contractor for building Hitchin new bridewell, for additional work.

The magistrates of the neighbourhood of Hitchin having recorded the completion of the new bridewell at Hitchin, and that they had agreed for the purchase of the ground for the same, and the sale of the materials and site of the old bridewell, reading such report.

Drawing and recording order for covering the assembly room benches with baize. The like for linen shades for the assembly room. The like for paying Mr. Andrews' bill for repairing Cowbridge at Hertford.

Writing 18 letters to commanding officers of volunteers by order from the War Office, that there would be no inspection during harvest.

Making out a general return of the volunteer cavalry and infantry of the county.

Writing 18 letters to commanding officers of volunteers for a return of those willing to transfer their services to the local militia.

Drawing and recording order for paying Mr. Cheek, a carpenter, his bill for repairs at Essendon bridge; also the bricklayers' and painters' bills.

The like for paying the county surveyor 100*l.* on account of rebuilding part of Cowbridge.

Receiving three returns each of 22 armed associations this year; examining and assorting same.

226. 4 June. Old Hall Green. Letter from W. Poynter to the Clerk of the Peace, recommending Messrs. James Simkiss, Thomas Tyssan, John Rolfe, and William Tilbury, and requesting him to admit them to take the oath prescribed for Catholics, and enter them on the list of officiating clergymen "in our chapel."

229. 10 July. Shenley Parsonage. Letter from Thomas Newcome to the Clerk of the Peace. John Parsons, committed to prison by Mr. Keet during my absence, is a very troublesome, lying fellow. I am really fearful of some desperate act of malice or revenge should you release him and send him home. He lately returned from the East Indies where he has been in the army all his life, and though wounded seems very capable of serving on board ship.

I cannot give him too bad a character, having tried him with kind treatment till he seemed incorrigible by any but severe measures.

231. 8 October. Old Hall Green. Letter from Fr. Tuite to the Clerk of the Peace. In the absence of Dr. Poynter, I beg leave to inform you that the bearers of this letter are Messrs. Daniel, McDonnell, Joseph Daniel, Henry Stuart, and John Dugard, who wish to qualify themselves by taking the Catholic oath of allegiance. You will oblige, Sir, by facilitating the means of their doing so, and it will be deemed, Sir, another mark of kindness added to the many already conferred on Dr. Poynter and the gentlemen at Old Hall Green.

251. Instructions to move the court to discharge Charles Lyon to be delivered to John Hutt, for his trial at the Middlesex sessions for uttering conterfeit coin.

BUNDLE FOR 1809.

86. 26 June. Information and complaint of Joseph Stratton.

That he was bound apprentice to William Lawrence, of Watton, carpenter and joiner, four years and a half since, for six years. That all that time he has been employed at work in Woodhall Park but has never seen his master, and consequently has not been properly instructed. He is informed his master is in debt and is for that reason absent, and further that he was so ill-fed that he has frequently applied to his father for assistance.

William Stratton, father of the complainant, deposes that he apprenticed his son for twenty pounds. That his son was so ill-fed that he has been of considerable expense to deponent for some time back; deponent therefore desires that the indentures may be cancelled.

103. Indictment of William Ball, of Sandon, co. Hertford, labourer, John South of the same, labourer, and David Shambrook of the same, labourer, for stealing three bushels of potatoes, value 10*d.*

Ordered that they be imprisoned a fortnight and then publicly whipt and discharged.

111. Indictment of Dorothy Munn, wife of Jonathan Munn, of the parish of Flamstead, co. Hertford, labourer, for assaulting Frances Cook.

"Found guilty and fined 6*d.*; paid in court."

119. Indictment of Sarah Damon of Bishop's Hatfield, co. Hertford, spinster, for stealing one knife with two blades, called a penknife, value one penny.

Endorsed :—No true bill.

124. Indictment of Peter Foy, of Ware, co. Hertford, labourer, for uttering seven counterfeit shillings.

Endorsed :—True bill.

125. Presentment that there is a certain common public wooden bridge, called a footbridge, in the parish of Stapleford, co. Herts., in the King's highway leading from Ware to Hitchin, which is ruinous and dangerous, and ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of Stapleford.

126. Indictment of James Grove, of Berkhamstead St. Peter, labourer, for pretending to Daniel Norris of the said parish,

dealer in timber and wood, that he was the servant of Thomas Webb, of Chesham, co. Bucks., turner (the said Thomas Webb being then and long before well known to the said Daniel as a customer), and obtaining from the said Daniel 12 feet of beech wood.

127a. 7 September. Certificate by the Rev. Thomas Low, minister, Edward Cannon and Edward Doage and John Cannon, that they have set apart a building situate at Hormead Dean in the parish of Great Hormead, now in the occupation of Edward Cannon, of Little Hormead, for a place of religious worship by a congregation or society of Protestant dissenters calling themselves or Nominated Independents.

133. A weekly account of bread for the prisoners from Michaelmas Sessions to 9 January, 1809.

The price of the quartern loaf varies from 1*s*. 1½*d*. to 1*s*. 3*d*.

136. Account of Thomas Fletcher for work done to the Town Hall, Hertford, in 1808, namely: In the assembly room, the skylight, the council chamber, the grand jury room, the serjeants' room, the vestibule, the stone staircase, the back staircase, the east entrance, the passage between courts, the corn market, the justice room, and the back part of courts. Amount—55*l*. 7*s*. 9*d*. Another bill by the same for repairs to Cow Bridge.

139. Account of S. Andrews. Preparing and fixing partition in the Crown court and altering steps. Draper & Seymour putting up pictures, and sundry jobs. King & Baldwin three days taking down pictures in hall and repairing skirting.

148. Account of Robert Canning. "For strong ticking straight waistcoast," 1*l*. 1*s*.; two pair mens' breeches, 17*s*.; five pairs mens' shoes, 1*l*. 2*s*. 6*d*.; three pairs mens' stockings, 6*s*. 9*d*.; four shirts, 1*l*. 2*s*. 8*d*.

153. Account of C. Wilson for disbursements attending keeping the gaol: Paid postage for an order to remove eleven male transports and two female, 1*s*. 8*d*.; ditto for postage for letters from Bow Street, to inquire after William Clarke, a transport, who returned before his time was expired, 1*s*. 10*d*., &c.

154. Accounts of C. Wilson for disbursements attending the keeping of the house of correction: For whipping Joseph Bunyon, 5*s.*; for horse and cart attending the same, 10*s.*; necessaries for a French prisoner in illness, 7*s.*, &c.

174. Account of S. Austin. Fifty circular letters from the Marquis of Salisbury and 50 ditto from C. Yorke. Certificates for volunteers. Thirty whole sheet circular letters to lieutenants of counties, numbering waggons, &c. Fifty copies of letters from Lord Hawkesbury on counterfeit coin. Map of Herts, 8*s.* 6*d.*, pencil, 5d.

175. Account of Thomas Hill for carpenter's work, &c., done at the new bridge at Mill Green, near Hatfield.

182. Account of James Knightley for repairs to the old Nunnery bridge at Cheshunt.

183. Bill of the Clerk of the Peace.

10th April, 1809. Drawing and recording order for the bridge surveyor to meet the surveyor of Essex, and examine the state of Small Lee bridge, and report thereon.

The like for repair of Cowbridge and copy.

The like for paying Charles Nicholls for repair of Aldenham bridge.

18 July. Attending at Essendon and Hatfield about Hatfield Mill bridge being a County bridge.

20 July. Attending justices and surveyor at Hatfield Mill bridge upon their view in order to a plan and estimate being made for rebuilding the same.

2 October. Filing certificate of a Dissenters' meeting house at Hormead Dean.

21 October. Drawing and recording order for repairing Cheshunt Nunnery and Wadesmill Bridges.

Mr. Byde and other magistrates having viewed the place at Wareside where a county bridge was proposed to be built, drawing and recording their report thereon.

4 November. Searching the rolls from 1760 to the end of 1808, and taking out the number of licensed dissenters and places in each year according to another form, from the Secretary of State's office, the first not including the number of persons.

18 November. Filling up printed notice sent by the Lord Lieutenant for encouraging local militia volunteers, and sending out same to chief constables.

Making out account of the several parishes within the respective hundreds, with the number of volunteers exempt from, and of those liable to, the local militia, in each parish, for the Lord Lieutenant.

Writing at great length to Mr. Grover, in answer to a letter from him respecting the enrolling of local militia volunteers.

In consequence of directions from the Lord Lieutenant, writing seven letters to sub-division clerks and chief constables that such militia ballot was postponed.

202. Epiphany session. Prisoners in the house of correction:—William Willson, committed for three months for exposing for sale on 25 September last, in the parish of Pirton, a hare, against the form of the statute.

Philip Francis convicted as an incorrigible rogue and vagabond. "To remain etc. with permission to serve his Majesty."

203. Easter session. Gaol calendar:—Sarah Davis committed for one whole year, she being delivered of a male bastard child, in the parish of Bishop Stortford, which is yet living and chargeable to the said parish, and is likely so to continue.

BUNDLE FOR 1810.

60. 21 May. Recognizance for the appearance of Christopher Wren, a private soldier in the Midland Battalion of the Hertfordshire Local Militia, to give evidence against William Hope, charged with stealing certain goods, the property of Frederick Wren.

111. 23 April. Depositions by Joseph Staines, of the parish of Kelshall, shepherd of Samuel Fordham, of the said parish, farmer, that he saw Robert Winton and John Winton, labourers, and John Blandford, one of the persons attending the telegraphic station erected in the parish of Threlfield, steal potatoes from a certain field.

112. 21 May. Depositions of Gilbert Daniel Gilbert. That he is the guard of the Stamford coach, and attends the coach every evening from London to Welwyn; that Jacob Stiles is the coachman, and drives from Biggleswade to London and back, every second day, and that Thomas Carter, the master of the White Hart Inn, is one of the proprietors of the coach.

On Thursday night, the 24th of May, Jacob Stiles had driven the coach from London to Welwyn, and deponent attended the coach as guard. They arrived at Welwyn at half-past eleven at night, and the horses were changed without any delay, and whilst they were changing Jacob Stiles drank some brandy and water at the door. Thomas Carter then said with violent passion that no brandy water coachman should drive his horse, and told Stiles he was drunk. Stiles denied it, and deponent is sure he was perfectly sober. Carter persisted in saying Stiles was drunk, and swore he should drive the coach no further. Stiles insisted that he should drive but without using any uncivil expression. Upon Stiles taking hold of the reins to get upon the box, Carter laid hold of him and tripped him up, taking hold of the reins at the same time with his left hand. Upon Stiles rising Carter threw him again with greater violence, and was going to attack him a third time if deponent had not prevented him. That Stiles appeared to be and complained of being very much hurt, and was unable to drive the coach further. Deponent is quite certain that Stiles did not strike, collar, or in any way assault Carter.

Jacob Stiles deposes that he has been lame ever since the assault. Mr. Hetley, of States Cabbin, was in the coach at the time, and a servant of Mr. Richards, of Brampton, was an outside passenger and saw the whole affray.

127. Indictment of Robert Ruskin, of Cheshunt, labourer, for assaulting John Kemp.

145. Indictment of James Bigby, of Cheshunt, labourer, and John Andrew of the same, labourer, for stealing two cock turkeys, valued 8*s*.

"Ordered to be imprisoned in Bridewell six months, and twice publicly whipped the first and last Saturday at a carts' tail 100 yards."

Indictment of Alexander Fraser, Michael Tewey and Peter Carrol, of the parish of Cheshunt, labourers, for assaulting William Hunt, collector of the duties of the assessed taxes, when he was about to distrain certain goods of Captain Morgan of the said parish.

159. 28 April. Certificate by Edward Hilton, surveyor of the carriage roads set out in the parish of Cottered by virtue of an Act of 46 Geo. III., intituled "An Act for enclosing lands in the parish of Cottered, in the county of Hertford," that the said roads are made fit for the passage of travellers and carriages.

167. Weekly account for bread supplied to prisoners. The price of the quartern loaf varies from 1*s*. 3¾*d*. to 1*s*. 4½*d*.

169. Account for work done to Buntingford prison.

171. Disbursements attending the keeping of the house of correction from Easter session 1809, to Easter session 1810.

Necessaries for a French prisoner by order of J. B. Dickinson, Esq., 1*l*. 12*s*. Paid for whipping John Ball, John Smith, and David Shambrook, 15*s*. Paid for whipping James Scambler, 5*s*. Paid for subsisting five French prisoners with one shilling per day each, 13 days, 3*l*. 5*s*. Paid for whipping Joshua Dean twice, 10s.

172. Disbursements attending the keeping of the gaol for the like period.

Paid postage for an order to remove the convicts to Woolwich, 10*d*. Began to pay the Rev. R. Taylor, 4*s*. per week, by order of the magistrates, five weeks, 1*l*. Paid for whipping James Robinson, Daniel Rance and John Moore, 15*s*. Horse and carts attending, 10*s*. Gave him (*sic*) to carry him home, 2*s*.

181. Account of James Nunn. Six new screws to the pillory, 6*s*. New lock and fixing to the bridewell, 6*s*. Mending a pair of handcuffs, 1*s*. 4*d*.

185. Account of S. Andrews:—To preparing and fixing the pillory (for Swindler), and attendance to ditto, 1*l.* 1*s.* Fixing the pillory for the other Swindler, and attendance, 1*l.* 1*s.* Paid for beer to ditto, 3*s.* 6*d.*

190. Account of C. Willson. For conveying Joseph Gilby to Buntingford to be whipped, 12*s.* For conveying to the hulks at Woolwich, William Scott, Joseph Slater, James Darby, George Mole, and Thomas Cross, 32 miles at 1*s.* per mile each, 8*l.* For conveying James Wright to the Marine Society, 1*l.* 2*s.*

192. Account of S. Andrews. This includes a new flag for the Town Hall.

206. Account of L. Whitley. As per bill delivered. In addition temporary bridge at Small Lee, Waltham Abbey, and extra use and waste of stuff for rails etc. across road, the time of building new bridge, 4*l.*

222. Calendar of prisoners in the house of correction:—Richard Tew, committed for entering Plashes Wood in the parish of Stondon, with a gun with intent to kill game.

"Committed for 6 months, and allowed to inlist into the army or navy."

223. Epiphany Sessions. Account of the number of prisoners committed to the Bridewell within the last seven years.

	Number of prisoners.	Removed from the gaol.
1803	57	9
1804	67	13
1805	71	5
1806	88	9
1807	90	6
1808	65	11
1809	65	10
	503	63

566—Total number in 7 years.

225. Easter Sessions. Gaol calendar:—Mark Smith and John Saunders, committed for burglariously breaking and entering the "distillhouse" part of the dwelling-house of John

Evans and stealing two gallons of brandy, two gallons of gin, and two casks, the property of the said John Evans and John Clarke Evans.

226. Easter sessions. Calendar of prisoners in the house of correction :—Joseph Burton, committed for cruelly beating a mare.

227. Midsummer sessions. Gaol calendar.

235. 26 December. The conviction of David Ward, of Wheathamstead, to be made out as an idle and disorderly person, for that he, not having wherewith to maintain himself, refused to work for the common wages given to labourers in the like work.

The above David Ward is a pauper in the workhouse, and has made it a practice, with many others, to absent themselves during the summer months, when they might earn something for the parish and return to be supported in idleness during the winter. This man positively refused to work for the parish during harvest though required so to do, and went away and returned about a fortnight ago in rags. I thought it very fair to convict him for a month as idle and disorderly and wish you to make out a conviction.

Signed, T. N. Ord.

BUNDLE FOR 1811.

10. 14 September. Warrant for the arrest of James Pim, millwright or paper maker, for shooting James Halsey, of Box Moor and parish of Hemel Hempstead, yeoman.

99. 12 March. Depositions of Key Hardy, of Tuddington, in the county of Bedford, surveyor, and James Gutteridge, of Eaton Green, in the parish of Luton, gentleman.

That on 7 March, they viewed a certain common and ancient highway, leading from the town of Hitchin in the parish of Hitchin, in the county of Hertford, through a place called Charlton in the parish of Hitchin, to the hamlet of Preston in the same parish, and found that a certain part thereof lying in the parish of Hitchin, commencing at the north-east corner of a certain close called Bodge Mead

and ending at the north-west corner of a certain other close called the Seven Acres, containing in length 748 yards and in breadth 20 feet or thereabouts, and also a certain other part of the same highway lying in the parish of Hitchin, commencing at the north-east corner of a certain other close called Great Pym Close, and ending at the south-east corner of a certain close called the Three Acres, containing in length 286 yards and in breadth 15 feet or thereabouts, to be very ruinous and in decay. They also say that the said parts of the highway cannot be put into sufficient and complete repair for less than 117*l.* 2*s.*

101. 22 April, 1811. Depositions of Thomas Brown, of Hitchin, surveyor. That he has viewed the highway in the hamlet of Preston, between Preston Green and the parish of King's Walden, now under presentment, and is of opinion that it cannot be put into repair for less than 30*l.*

119. 14 September. Examination of William Dale, of Ware, watchman. He says that he met George Day on Tuesday morning last, between three and four o'clock, with a sack containing apples, turnips, and a fowl, and as he would give no account of them deponent told him he must go with him to the cage.

155. Indictment of Anne, wife of William Potter, Mary, wife of Thomas Haynes, and Anne, wife of James Pond, all of Bishop's Hatfield, for stealing one gallon of wheat in the straw, the goods of the Rev. John Keet, clerk.

160. Indictment of Robert Taylor, of Hertford, clerk, for fraudulently obtaining money from William Wyndham Lord Granville.

161. 17 May. Petition of William Prime, of Sawbridgeworth, maltster, stating that on 23 March last, an information was exhibited by Thomas Richards, collector of the excise, before three justices of the peace for a penalty of 100*l.*, 200*l.*, and 100*l.* "said to be incurred by your petitioner for having neglected to give such notice to the proper officer of the particular hour or time of the day, when your petitioner intended to wet corn or grain to be made into malt; for

having conveyed away a steeping of corn or grain, making into malt from the cistern or other wetting place, and mixing it with a floor of other corn or grain which had been charged with duty in the couch"; and for having taken and received a quantity of barley without having entered it in the book left with petitioner for that purpose. The hearing came on in April, and petitioner was convicted.

He prays for leave to enter an appeal.

167. Bill of the clerk of the peace: Drawing and recording order for paying Mr. Hitch, bricklayer, for repairing Ford bridge; the like for paying Knightley, a bricklayer, for repairing Cheshunt Nunney bridge; the like for paying Thomas Cheek, carpenter, for repairing Bedwell bridge; the like for paying Dickenson, bricklayer, for repairing Wadesmill Bridge; the like for rebuilding Small Lee Bridge and for making a temporary bridge in the meantime.

Application having been made by the parish of Waltham Abbey for widening Small Lee bridge at their expense, drawing and recording order that it be not permitted, to prevent additional expense in future to this county.

In consequence of directions from Mr. Secretary Ryder, writing letter and sending 66 copies thereof to the magistrates, of the French prisoners' attempt to escape by forged passports.

177. Account of Thomas Knight for bricklayers' work done in necessary repairs to Small Lee bridge.

186. Account of C. Willson for disbursements attending keeping the gaol:—

Oct. 6, 1810. Paid for horse and cart to attend the whipping of James Bigsby and John Andrews, 10*s*. Whipping ditto, 10*s*.

22 Feb., 1811. Similar expenses for again whipping them.

219. Bill of the clerk of the peace:—Drawing and recording resolution that the expediency and propriety of providing a lunatic asylum under the late act be taken into consideration at the next session.

The court having taken into consideration the expediency and propriety of providing a lunatic asylum pursuant to the order of the last session; drawing and recording order and schedules for returns to be made by parish officers.

Receiving, making up and transmitting returns of population.

Having received a letter addressed to the Lord Lieutenant from the Secretary of State, respecting the escape of French prisoners, to be communicated to the deputy-lieutenants and magistrates; making copy thereof and attending printer therewith.

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12 January. Letter from Henry Cowper to the justices of the peace assembled in quarter sessions at Hertford,

I have the mortification to acquaint you that the House of Lords having appointed to sit both on Monday and Tuesday next and the place of my coadjutor at the table, Mr. Rose, who is too ill to attend his duty in person, being supplied by a gentleman as yet new to the forms of the House, it is altogether impracticable for my attendance to be dispensed with. Indeed the hourly calls of assistance for me out of the House as well as my duties in it would alone, I fear, have prevented my feeling myself justified in being away from my post here at this particular conjuncture. It grieves me sorely but there is no help for it. May I request the great favour of you, therefore, that under the circumstances you will have the goodness to excuse this my unavoidable absence from the quarter sessions on Monday next, conscious myself that whoever may be called to fill the chair will prove themselves infinitely more worthy of it than the now humble petitioner whom the friendship of many and the partiality of all so lately raised to it.

235. Epiphany sessions. Gaol calendar:—Thomas Ghost committed for three months, having been convicted of using a certain engine called a net to kill and destroy game, he not being qualified so to do. John Barnes committed for one month for refusing to perform work set him by his master. Thomas Jermyn committed for three months for using a dog

called a lurcher to kill and destroy game. John Squire, committed for three months for using a gun to kill and destroy game.

236. Epiphany sessions. Calendar of prisoners in the house of correction:—Benjamin Parker committed for three months for using a gun with intent to destroy a pheasant; John Young committed for three months for using an engine called a snare for the purpose of destroying game; Joseph Hopkins committed for one month for disorderly behaviour in the workhouse at Cheshunt.

237. Midsummer sessions. Calendar of prisoners in the house of correction:—William Thomas committed for one month for having neglected to attend his master's sheep; Joseph Derby committed for one month for disorderley behaviour in absenting himself from his master's service; Henry Bowyer committed for one month for absenting himself from his master's service; Joseph Watson committed for one month for leaving his service without the consent of his master.

242. Michaelmas sessions. Calendar of prisoners in the house of correction:—Mary Haggon, a lunatic, committed as a vagrant; James Gillett and David Gillett committed for fourteen days for having neglected to thatch some cornstacks after engaging to do so.

246. Summer sessions. Appeal by Henry Davison Esq., Brief.

Mr. Davison has a small farm in the parish of Little Berkhamstead which he occupies; the house is not fit for his residence and is inhabited by his ploughman. Mr. Davison resides with his mother in Chandos Street, London. He rides to his farm perhaps once in the course of three weeks or a month and till very lately he generally returned the same day. He has now hired a room to sleep in at a Mrs. Day's in Little Berkhamstead where he sometimes two or three days. He is unknown to nearly the whole of the parishioners of Little Berkhamstead. The objection is that he is not a substantial householder and does not reside in the parish.

Appeal against his appointment of overseer of the poor.

252. A plan of the river Lee from Hertford to Bow Bridge with a profile of the fall.

BUNDLE FOR 1812.

56. 21 November. Recognizance for the appearance of William Reynolds of Cheshunt, shoemaker, to answer for having uttered three shilling and eighteen penny counterfeit bank tokens.

123. 14 May. Examination of Thomas Fuller of Cheshunt, constable, who says that receiving information that two persons were passing from one public house to another tendering at each base metal coin intended to pass for bank tokens of three shillings and eighteen pence in value, he with John Steward, pursued the prisoners John King and William Reynolds and apprehended them. Upon charging them with having committed the fraud John King offered to return and change the tokens passed, but in consequence of deponent's suspicions he watched him narrowly and picked up from the ground close to the prisoner's feet a parcel which contained eight base metal three shilling tokens and one base eighteen penny token.

167. 24 November. Examination of William Haynes and John Cooke, rogues and vagabonds, apprehended stealing and destroying the underwood of Joshua Lomax, Esq., situate in the parish of Shenley, who give the following account of themselves;

That they live in Thames Street or anywhere in London and being out of work they came to Shenley to look for a plant called butchers' broom for the use of the tanners and not finding it they gathered two large bundles of hazel shoots in Dell Grove, Shenley, to sell to some of the London basket makers.

189. Presentment by William Wilshire, Esq., justice of the peace, that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin in the parish of Pirton a part thereof situate in the parish of Offley containing in length 180 yards and in breadth 20 feet is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Offley ought to repair the same.

209. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Luton, a certain part thereof commonly called the Mill House Lane, situate in the parish of Offley, containing in length 530 yards, and in breadth 20 feet is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Offley ought to repair the same.

210. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Offley, in the parish of Offley, over a certain place in the said parish called Offley Hoo, to the Parish of Kings Walden, a certain part whereof situate in the said parish, between the east end of the village of Offley, and the said parish of Kings Walden, containing in length 660 yards, and in breadth 30 feet is in decay, and that it ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the parish of Offley.

211. Indictment of John King and William Reynolds, of Broxbourne, labourers, for that after the passing of an Act of 51 George III., intituled "An Act to prevent the counterfeiting of silver pieces denominated tokens, intended to be issued and circulated by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, for the respective sums of five shillings and sixpence, three shillings, and one shilling and sixpence, and to prevent the bringing into the kingdom, or uttering any such counterfeit pieces or tokens"—they uttered to Walter Patmore a counterfeit token resembling silver tokens for the sum of three shillings, made, and stamped, and issued, and circulated by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, containing on the obverse side thereof, the impression of his Majesty's head, and the following words and letters—"Georgius III, Dei Gratia Rex," and on the reverse side the following—"Bank Token, 3 Shill., 1811."

213. Indictment of William Owen, of Water End, in the parish of North Mimms, farmer, for assaulting Joseph Kimp, by tying his legs together and suspending him from the ground by his feet from a piece of timber raised from the ground, and keeping him so suspended for three quarters of an hour, and also for keeping imprisoned the said Joseph Kimp for twenty-four hours without food, sustenance, or nourishment of any sort.

218. 21 November. Certificate of the conviction of Thomas Preston, of Cheshunt, gatekeeper at the Waltham Lane turnpike gate, for taking a greater toll from Elizabeth Wright, the wife of Michael Wright, of Cheshunt, aforesaid, blacksmith, than what he was authorized to take by the particular turnpike Act to which the said turnpike gate belongs, in respect of the toll upon the said Thomas Wright's common stage cart. Fined 40*s*.

224. Account of bread supplied to prisoners from 7 October, 1811, to 13 January, 1812. The price of the quartern loaf varies from 1*s*. 4½*d*. to 1*s*. 5¾*d*.

232. Account of James Nunn for repairs to the gaol and bridewell: —Cleaning and repairing a blunderbuss, 3*s*. 6*d*. Two hoes and handles for the bridewell, 4*s*.

238. Account of S. Andrews:—Carpenter three days repairing pump and making whipping post 3*s*. 6*d*. Fixing gallows for Glazebrook, 1*l*. 1*s*. A coffin with handles and attendance, &c., 1*l*. 4*s*. Paid two men bearers to ditto, 2*s*.

240. Account of J. Canning:—Making sleeves, &c., to straight waistcoat, 2*s*. 6*d*. Fixing cloth to execution cart, tape and nails, 3*s*. 6*d*., cap, 9*d*.

242. Account of C. Willson:—For conveying Francis James, Edward Jackson and William Studman, to Baldock to be whipped, 18 miles at 1*s*. per mile, 2*l*. 14*s*.

252. 6 April. Report on state of bridges, shire house, gaol and bridewells:—

Braughin bridge in good repair, Standon great bridge, New Bridge, West Mill, and Wadesmill bridge, in good repair. Nunnery bridge, Cheshunt; High bridge, Sawbridgeworth; High bridge, Aldenham; Essendon bridge, Roydon bridge; Hadham Mill bridge; Cow bridge, Hertford; Hatfield Mill bridge and Buntingford bridge, in good repair.

Small Lee bridge, lately rebuilt, Mason's work, 29*l*. 14*s*. 8*d*. The half to each county, 14*l*. 17*s*. 4*d*.

Shire House in good repair.

Hertford gaol and bridewell lately repaired.

Hitchin, Buntingford, and Great Berkhamstead bridewells in good repair.

269. Account of David Cock :—To squaring and laying 170 feet of old paving at both ends of Market Place over new drains at 2½*d.*, with mortar, 1*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.* To 5ft 3in. of free stone to new caving to chimney in council room at 1*s.* 8*d.*—8*s.* 9*d.* To one new drip stone to Market Place, 5*s.* 6*d.*

286. Bill of the clerk of the peace :—Drawing and recording order for cleansing and repairing the cisterns at each corner of the Market Place under the Shire House, 10*s.* Taking out names and meeting houses of dissenters from rolls and minute books from 1760 to this time, 1*l.* 1*s.* Drawing and recording order for committee of justices allotting a part of the county bridewell for the use of the borough, &c., 15*s.* Fee on allowance and certificate of Wheathamstead Friendly Society, 2*s.*

300. 5 April. Letter, dated from Hemel Hempstead, from Messrs. Grover and Smith to [Clerk of the Peace.]

We are directed by the bench of magistrates sitting at Great Berkhampstead, to send you the enclosed papers concerning Catherine Saunders and William Saunders (mother and son as they state) who have been committed to Hertford as vagrants. They were apprehended by the constable of Tring with Joseph Taylor, and it will be seen by the enclosed papers what account they gave of themselves, which, as to the woman and child was in the first instance completely false, as will appear by the letters in answer to Lord Bridgewater's inquiries on the subject. The man's account seems to have been more correct and he was discharged.

The woman's second account also seems to have been correct, by the letter from Dublin in answer to inquiries set on foot by Lord Bridgewater.

It will be found that the boy is remarkably well spoken and clever of his age, having an appearance of not being the woman's child from her unhealthy look and it was suspected the child might have been stolen, but nothing came out to lead to this, and they were committed to Hertford to be disposed of under the direction of the court of quarter sessions.

301. 2 August. Petition of prisoners under sentence for further

allowance. They state that their subsistence is so small, being only 2*s.* 6*d.* weekly, that it will scarcely keep them alive. Everything is very dear—bread at 1*s.* 6½*d.* a loaf, and they have to find firing and soap, and everything in regard of keeping themselves clean "as we must endeavour to do." They pray for a small trifle to be added to their pay.

311. Epiphany sessions. John Parsons, committed for violently assaulting Mary Hewetson, a pauper in the workhouse at Shenley; Luke Litchfield, committed for assaulting and robbing James Bennett on the highway in the parish of St. Peter in the Liberty of St. Albans; Joseph Slaughter, otherwise Slater, charged with having escaped from the hulks, he being under sentence of transportation.

312. Epiphany sessions. Calendar of prisoners in the house of correction at Hertford:—Joseph Edwards, committed for three months for having in his possession two hares. Thomas Bayford committed for three months for having in his possession a hare; James Watson, committed for having in his possession snares for the purpose of destroying game; Matthew Foster committed for having in his possession a lurcher dog for destroying game.

314. Easter sessions. Prisoners in the house of correction:—Amelia Jarman and Mary Ballard, committed for a year as lewd women.

315. Midsummer sessions. Gaol calendar:—Charles Pilcher, out on bail, charged with having embezzled various sums amounting to 136*l.* and upwards, which he received as vestry clerk of the parish of Bishop's Stortford, on behalf of the overseers of the said parish; James Carr otherwise Watson, and James Brown, removed from the gaol of the borough of St. Albans, charged with uttering forged bank notes; William Hicks, committed for harbouring and maintaining Joseph Slater after he had committed a felony.

316. Midsummer sessions. Prisoners in the house of correction:—John Peacock, committed for one month for disorderly behaviour in the workhouse at Wheathamstead; William

Lilley committed by J. B. Dickinson, Esq., for the space of one month for disorderly behaviour in his service.

318. Michaelmas sessions. Prisoners in the house of correction: —Isaac Foxe, committed for one month for loitering on the road with the mail or post entrusted to his care; John Wright committed for one month and to be whipped for absenting himself from his master's service.

326. 26 September. Indenture apprenticing Peter MacMullen, son of William MacMullen, of Hertford, gardener, to Robert Rose, of Hitchin, Cooper. Consideration money 16*l.* 10*s.* on the execution of the indenture, and 15*l.* on 22 January then next. The said Robert Rose covenants to find the apprentice all necessaries except wearing apparel of all sorts and the washing and mending thereof, and also nurses and medicine in time of sickness, which the said William MacMullen covenants to provide.

332. A plan of the River Lee from Hertford to Bow Bridge with a profile of the fall.

BUNDLE FOR 1813.

20. 5 May. Writ, directed to the justices of the peace for Hertfordshire, commanding them to return to Westminster all orders and things made by them, between the Governor and Company of the New River brought from Chadwell and Amwell to London, appellants, and the inhabitants of the parish of Little Amwell, respondents, touching a rate for the relief of the poor of the said parish.

70. 13 May. Recognizance by John Walker, of Bedford Square, co. Middlesex, Esq., and Richard Benyon, of Englefield House, in the parish of Englefield, co. Berks., Esq., for the appearance of the Governor and Company of the New River, brought from Chadwell and Amwell to London, to prosecute a writ of certiorari issued out of the King's Court at Westminster.

115. 29 October. Recognizance for the appearance of the Rev. Thomas Randolph, of Much Hadham, clerk, to prosecute John Brace, of Much Hadham, victualler, the master of a

public-house in Much Hadham called the Bull, for permitting a fight to take place on his premises.

116. 29 October. Recognizance of Ware Fuller, of Much Hadham, jobber, for his appearance to give evidence against the said John Brace.

135. 9 March. Information of John Arnold, who says that for about four months he has been in the service of Mr. Benjamin Kitchener, of King's Walden, and has been occupied all that time in threshing wheat. Mr. Kitchener used to sell for plaiting such of the wheat straw as was fit for the purpose. The buyer usually draws the straw from the sheaf and pays five shillings for a bundle which weighs about sixty pounds.

Informant confesses that he and two others drew some of the straw for themselves.

162. 15 December. Information of the Rev. Thos. Randolph, of Much Hadham, clerk. That on Friday evening, 22 October, an affray and a fight took place at the "Bull" public-house in Much Hadham, between John Dowsett and Daniel Rolph, inhabitants of the said parish, in consequence of which the said Daniel Rolph lost his life. John Brace is the master of the said public-house and did not endeavour to prevent the affray, but on the contrary the doors of the said public-house appeared to have been fastened to prevent interruption of the said fight from without.

175. 12 July. Presentment that Bushy Mill Bridge, situate in the parishes of Bushy and Watford, lying across the river Colne, heretofore built and supported by private persons, owners of adjacent property, is decayed and impassable; for a great number of years past it has been used by the public.

185. Indictment of William Shepherd, of Bishop's Hatfield, labourer, for stealing three pints of barley, value 3*d*.

"Imprisoned till next Saturday and publicly whipt from the Shire House to gaol."

198. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the village of Willian, a certain

part whereof situate in the parish of Great Wymondley, commencing at the south-west corner of a close in the occupation of John Wilshere, called Little Kimberlow, and extending to a piece of land in Great Wymondley allotted to Baron Dimsdale, and containing in length 1529 yards and in breadth 20 feet, or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Great Wymondley ought to repair the same.

199. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from Hitchin to the village of Willian, a certain part whereof lying in the hamlet of Walsworth commencing at the south-west corner of the old enclosure in the hamlet of Walsworth of Thomas Jeeves in the occupation of Joseph Watson and extending to the south-west corner of a close in the occupation of John Wilshere called little Kimberlow where the same highway enters the parish of Great Wymondley and containing in length 693 yards and in breadth 20 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that it ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the hamlet of Walsworth.

202. 6 April. Recommendation by James Smith and William Bingham, justices of the peace, of William Tompson of Hemel Hempstead, draper and auctioneer, as a proper person to be appointed one of the high constables for the hundred of Dacorum in the room of Adam Casebourn.

215. 11 January. Report on the state of the bridges, bridewells, gaol and shire house.

Ford Bridge, Braughin; Standon Great Bridge; New Bridge; West Mill; Wadesmill Bridge; Nunnery Bridge, Cheshunt; High Bridge, Sawbridgeworth; in good repair. High Bridge, Aldenham, lately repaired. Essendon Bridge; Roydon Bridge; Hadham Mill Bridge; Cow Bridge, Hertford; Hatfield Mill Bridge; Small Lee Bridge; in good repair. Buntingford Bridge, lately repaired.

The Shire House, Hitchin, and bridewells, Buntingford, and Great Berkhamstead, in good repair.

Hertford gaol and bridewell now under repair.

219. Account for bread for the prisoners, from 5 October, 1812, to 11 January, 1813. The price of the quartern loaf varies from 1*s*. 6*d*. to 1*s*. 7¾*d*.

226. Account of Thomas Hill for work done to Hatfield Mill Bridge.

241. Account of James Nunn:—Cleaning and repairing a blunderbuss, 2*s*. 6*d*. Mending a pistol, 1*s*. 6*d*. Cutting out three irons in the wall of the gaol, 2*s*. Mending two leg irons and one new link, 2*s*. 4*d*.

245. Pass account from the parish of Thundridge:—The passes are granted for conveying persons all over the country—York, Cumberland, Scotland, Ireland, Guernsey, &c.

254. Bill of the clerk of the peace.—Drawing and recording order for Mr. Hill's bill for bricklayers' work in repairing Buntingford bridge. Making abstract of Act for registering charitable donations and entering same in register. Drawing and recording order for clerk of the peace to write other clerks of the peace throughout the kingdom for information of any and what provisions are made for the reception and care of lunatics. Writing 42 letters accordingly. Writing the gaolers of the respective counties for information of allowances to debtors. Drawing and recording order for the clerk of the peace to apply to the justices' parish officers throughout this county for lists of lunatics and dangerous idiots relieved by each parish.

Doubt having arisen whether the intended new bridge near Bushey should be built by the liberty of St. Albans only or by the county and liberty jointly; drawing and recording order for representing the same to the justices of the liberty in order to the same being settled.

Drawing and recording resolution and order for building a new bridge near Bushey at the joint expense of this county and the liberty of St. Albans and that the clerk do advertise proposals for doing the same. Drawing and recording order for repairing Essendon bridge.

Several proposals and estimates having been delivered in at this adjournment for building Bushey Mill Bridge, and those of Messrs. Fowler of St. Albans being approved;

drawing and recording order thereon and for making a contract with them accordingly.

Drawing and recording order for taking into consideration at the next session the increases of the salaries to the chaplain and surgeon of the gaol and for writing the acting magistrates thereof. Drawing and recording order for a person in the bridewell who would not speak, but who appears to be a Jew, being removed to and left at Dukes' place. Making five copies of a long letter from Lord Sidmouth to the Lord Lieutenant to send commanding officers of yeomanry cavalry respecting their troops going out twelve days in a year as a permanent duty. Making up three copies of a letter from Lord Sidmouth to the Lord Lieutenant respecting the yeomanry cavalry corps being united for permanent duty, to transmit to the commandants and writing them therewith by order of his lordship.

281. Epiphany sessions. Gaol calendar:—Elizabeth Wright, committed for a fortnight for having stolen, in company with Esther Tharby, ten chickens the property of John Thorne; John Ambrose committed for stealing half a peck of beans and peas. "Imprisoned a month and publicly whipt at Hitchin Market 100 yards."

282. Epiphany sessions. Prisoners in the house of correction:—William Haynes and John Cook committed for stealing and destroying the underwood of Joshua Lomax, Esq., and refusing to make satisfaction; also as rogues and vagabonds. "Discharged for want of prosecution."

Joseph Mardell and Henry Giddings, committed for three calendar months unless they pay the penalty of 5*l.* each for using snares for the purpose of destroying game.

"Paid the penalty, 6th Jan."

289. Instructions to the clerk of the peace to prosecute Joshua and Harry Phillips, for assaulting Thomas Moreton, collector of the tolls for the Hockerill trustees at their Spellbrooke turnpike gate, in the parish of Sawbridgeworth, while acting as collector of tolls.

The offence is punishable by fine under the Turnpike Act of 13 George III, but the trustees on 11 August last,

ordered that they be prosecuted by indictment at the next quarter sessions.

The two defendants are supposed to be Jews, and if not in business for themselves, travellers for or shopmen to their father Mr. Lyon Phillips, 38 Minories.

291. 8 January. At a meeting of the undersigned held this 8th day of January, 1813, to take into consideration the propriety of altering the road from Hadham Ford to the top of the hill called Priors Hill, leading to Great Hadham, it was resolved as follows:

First, that the said road will, if carried into effect, be attended by a considerable levy and unnecessary expense.

Secondly, that the old road having recently been repaired at a considerable expense, is in a very good state of repair.

Thirdly, that if the road is so altered it will be attended very great inconvenience to the farmers of Bury Green and others, who will be driven a considerable way about by the road being so altered.

Fourthly, that these resolutions be signed by this meeting and presented at the next general quarter sessions.

Signed by Samuel Scott, Thomas Hoy, Edmund Scott, Thomas Swallow, John Scott, Nathaniel Marshall, George Mason, and Mary Jones.

292. Case for the opinion of counsel.

In a rate made and published on 26 August, 1812, for the parish of Little Amwell, the Governor and Company of the New River are rated as follows:—

Rental £300. Governor and Company of the New River for land in Chadwell Mead, £15.

The water of the New River is derived from two sources, part from the river Lee from which there is a cut communicating with the New River near Chadwell Mead, and part from a spring rising and enclosed in a basin in Chadwell Mead, which is the subject of the present rate, and is the freehold of the New River Company, and in their occupation. That part of Chadwell Mead which is occupied by the Company is the subject of the rate and it contains about two acres; it consists solely of the basin in which the

spring rises, and so much of the cut from thence called the New River as lies in the parish of Little Amwell, where it joins the water taken from the River Lee, and from whence it continues to run with the said water so taken from the River Lee in one joint course to Islington. The land alone without the spring, and if it were not covered with water, is of the annual value of 5*l*. The whole profits of the Company arise from the sale of the water; no part of the water is distributed, nor is any money received for it by the Company, nor does any become due in the parish of Little Amwell.

If the advantage which the Company derive from the use of the spring may by law be included in the rate upon the land; the land and the spring of water together are of the annual value at which they are rated.

296. Resolutions that the clerk of the peace be instructed to apply to the churchwardens and overseers of the several parishes in this county, to send lists of the lunatics and dangerous idiots supported by each parish, stating their names and ages, and the periods for which they have been supported.

That the gaoler be directed to make, till the next quarter sessions, such an allowance of bread to the debtors in the county gaol not having sufficient means of support, as is made to the felons in his custody, and that in the meantime the clerk of the peace do write to the clerks of the peace of every other county in England, requesting information, what allowance is made, and under what authority, and from what fund, to debtors imprisoned in the gaols of their various counties.

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3. 10 January. Ordered that such of the debtors confined in the county gaol as have not any means of acquiring necessary sustenance do receive the same amount of bread as is made to prisoners in the gaol for criminal offences, such relief to be given by an order of one of the justices on inquiry into the circumstances of the case.

8 & 9. 10 March. Declaration by William Thorogood, of Bishop's Stortford, that he has a printing press and types for printing, which he proposes to use for printing in South Street, and which he requires to be entered for that purpose under the Act of 39 Geo. III., intituled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of societies established for treasonable and seditious purposes."

22. 14 October. Notice by Thomas Hickson, prosecuted for riot, that he intends to withdraw his plea of not guilty, and to plead guilty.

36. 25 April. Recognizance for the appearance of Thomas Hickson, of the parish of Ippollitts, farrier, to answer for riotously assembling with others in the parish of Ippollitts, on 20 April.

114. 9 May. Information of Magdalen Robinson, of Hatfield. That on Saturday, 7 May, between 11 and 12 o'clock, she and her husband being then in their house at the Vineyard in Lord Salisbury's park at Hatfield, they heard the rooks making a great noise, and suspecting some persons to be there her husband went out, and soon after called to the informant to bring a light. That she went out and was knocked down by two men who, she suspects, were Joseph Andrews, and Daniel Marston.

115. 14 May. Daniel Marston confesses that he with John Andrews (*sic.*) and Joseph King, went to a place called the Castle, in the park belonging to the Marquis of Salisbury, for the purpose of taking rooks, and that the said Andrews knocked down the said Magdalen Robinson with a brick.

130. 9 October. Examination of Thomas Haslam, of Ware, who deposes that having reason to think that some of his property had been stolen, when he was at meeting of Sundays, he secreted himself in his shop when the rest of his family were at meeting. About a quarter to eleven Jane Head, mother of Ann Head, his servant, came to the door, and was admitted by Sarah Collins, his other servant, and went into the kitchen to Ann Head, who gave her mother various articles.

154. 26 December. Examination of William Field, constable of the parish of Bushey, who deposes that whilst he was conveying Francis McNamie to the cage at Bushey, for safe custody, Thomas McCrossen, servant to the Marquis of Abercorn, assaulted the deponent by taking from him his constable's staff, and striking him several blows therewith.

161. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Luton, a certain part whereof called the Luton Road, in the parish of Offley, containing in length 6000 yards, and in breadth 30 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Offley ought to repair the same.

162. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Baldock, a certain part whereof in the hamlet of Walsworth, in the parish of Hitchin, containing in length 1650 yards and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the hamlet of Walsworth ought to repair the same.

163. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Baldock, a certain part whereof called the Baldock Road, in the parish of Letchworth, containing in length 1749 yards and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Letchworth ought to repair the same.

164. Presentment that another part of the above-mentioned highway called the Baldock Road, in the parish of Willian, containing in length 2850 yards and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Willian ought to repair the same.

165. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Buntingford, called the Buntingford Road, in the parish of Weston, containing in length 7700 yards and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Weston ought to repair the same.

166. Presentment that another part of Buntingford Road, in the parish of Clothall, containing in length 1000 yards and in

breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the same ought to be repaired by the inhabitants of the parish of Clothall.

167. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Buntingford, a certain part whereof lying in the parishes of Great Wymondley and Letchworth, containing in length 1314 yards and in breadth 30 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Great Wymondley ought to repair the same.

168. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the town of Luton called the Luton Road, lying in the township of Hitchin, a certain part whereof, containing in length 1320 yards and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the township of Hitchin ought to repair the same.

169. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Stevenage to the town of Buntingford, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Stevenage called the Walkern road, containing in length 4600 yards and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Stevenage ought to repair the same.

170. Presentment that another part of the last mentioned highway called the Stevenage Road, lying in the parish of Walkern, containing in length 2700 yards and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Walkern ought to repair the same.

175. Indictment of John Game, of the parish of Little Munden, labourer, for stealing potatoes of the value of 2*s*.

"Imprisoned three weeks and privately whipt."

188. Indictment of Jane Head, wife of William Head, labourer, and Ann Head, spinster, for stealing a bottle of oil value 2*s*., eleven onions, value 3*d*., three pounds of bread, value 6*d*., and half-a-pound of butter, value 6*d*.

"Ordered that Jane be transported seven years and Ann be imprisoned a month in gaol."

198. Indictment of Thomas Hickson, of the parish of Ippollitts, farrier; Sarah Hickson, spinster; Elizabeth Wilson, widow;

Ann Winch, widow; William Smith, labourer; Richard Craft, labourer; Samuel Barker, labourer; Mary Parkins, spinster; Sarah Parkins, spinster; William Day, labourer; John Joiner, labourer; William Woolmore, labourer; Mary Woolmore, wife of William Woolmore; Thomas Parcel, labourer; and James Tyler, labourer, all of the same place; for riotously assembling at the parish of Ippollitts.

199. Indictment of James Chapman, of the parish of St. John, Hertford, labourer, for falsely pretending to George Carter, of Hertingfordbury, victualler, that Mr. Pallet, of Hertingfordbury, farmer, sent him to borrow 9*s*. for the use of the said Mr. Pallet, and thereby obtaining from the said George Carter two silver tokens of the Bank of England of the value of 6*s*. and 3*s*.

"Found guilty; fined 1*s*. and committed to Bridewell ten days."

217. Account of S. Andrews for repairs to Roydon bridge.

218. Account of S. Andrews :—To estimate for making alterations under the stone staircase for wine cellar, &c., at the town hall; to carpenter, repairing and fixing window blinds in the assembly room and sundry jobs in the hall.

221. Account of James Sharpe for repairs to Bedwell bridge.

224. Disbursements attending the keeping the gaol :—Whipping John Chalkley, 5*s*.; Whipping William Impey and William Halsey, 10*s*.; horse and cart to attend ditto, 10*s*.; whipping John Street, 5*s*.; horse and cart to attend ditto, 10*s*.

227. Account of S. Andrews. To carpenter, 4½ days making model for new drop, &c., 1*l*. 1*s*. 6*d*.

231. Account of W. P. Willson. Conveying James Greaves, James Buss, George Welch, Thomas Bradshaw, Thomas Wilkins, Thomas Williams, and Samuel Pope, on board the hulks at Woolwich, at one shilling each per mile, 11*l*. 4*s*.

233. Account of T. G. Wells for smith's work to Wadesmill bridge.

234. Account of T. Medcalf for carpenter's work to the county bridge in Cheshunt Wash.

235. Account of Caleb Hitch for work done at Wadesmill bridge in getting out old work, under-springing piers, digging up ground, and working up new work to ditto in cement, &c.

236. Account of James Hitch for repairs to Wadesmill bridge.

238. Account of W. P. Wilson for conveying Thomas Chapel to Cottered to be whipped, 14s.

245. Account of Caleb Hitch for repairs to Stondon bridge.

252. Account of W. P. Willson for conveying Mary Barnard and Jane Head on board the "Northampton" at Woolwich, 32 miles at 1*s.* each per mile, 3*l.* 4*s.* Conveying Daniel Marsden on board the tender lying off the Tower, 1*l.* 2*s.*

253. Account of the Clerk of the Peace:—

15 January. Writing twelve letters to the magistrates that the contract for Bushey Mill bridge would be taken into consideration on the 29th inst.

22 January. Drawing and recording order for paying Mr. Hitch's bricklayer's bill for repairing Wadesmill bridge.

29 January. Writing twenty letters to trustees of turnpike roads, overseers and surveyors of highways for removing obstructions from the late falls of snow as communicated to the Lord Lieutenant by the Secretary of State by order of the Prince Regent.

5 February. Drawing and recording order for remanding the several debtors in the gaol claiming the benefit of the Insolvent Act, as they had not given notice in the county paper.

Drawing and recording order for fixing shutters to the windows over the doors of the bridewell at Hertford.

7 March. Writing ten letters to commandants of volunteer corps for return of arms by order of the Lord Lieutenant.

Drawing and recording order for allowing and paying the contractors for building Bushey Mill bridge, half their additional expenses in such work.

The like for increasing the salary of the chaplain of the gaol. The like for the surgeon.

The like for repairing Westmill bridge as reported necessary by the surveyor.

The like that the clerk of the peace do report all convicts to be transported in future by order of court as requested by Lord Sidmouth's letter.

The like that a committee of any three justices do take into consideration justices' clerks' fees, and report thereon to the court.

The like for paying Mr. Andrews' bill for carpenter's work at Croydon bridge.

23 April. The like for paying Mr. Howard's bill for wharfing in Bushey parish at the end of the new bridge

7 May. Drawing and recording order that a constable do attend at every quarter session, to keep the door out of the clerk of the peace office into the court, to prevent that part being crowded.

19 May. Making copy of Col. Rawlins' return in 1806 of the 2nd Herts Volunteers, in consequence of Mr. Alington having received a letter from the War Office for same, and attending Mr. Alington thereon.

25 May. The like for paying Mr. Fletcher's bill for bricklayer's work at Cowbridge.

27 July. Making seven copies of a circular letter from Lord Sidmouth to the Lord Lieutenant, with resolutions of thanks of the House of Lords to local militia and volunteer corps.

30 July. Writing fourteen letters to commandants of yeomanry cavalry and volunteer infantry to accompany thanks of the House of Commons.

3 September. Drawing and recording order for writing to the justices of the alteration of the Michaelmas Sessions.

17 October. The like for paying John Peck a bricklayer's bill for repairing Essendon bridge.

The like for paying Mr. Medcalf a carpenter's bill for repairing Bedwell bridge.

The like for paying Mr. Shark a carpenter's bill for repairing Bedwell bridge.

The like for paying Mr. Hitch a bricklayer's bill for repairing Standon bridge.

December. Having received a printed caution to parish officers from the War Office, with directions to circulate copies, attending printer therewith.

BUNDLE FOR 1815.

1. 9 January. Warrant for the arrest of Robert Ruskin, the younger, of the Parish of Cheshunt, yeoman, who stands indicted for rescuing a gelding belonging to him from William Page, servant to Bryant Preston, whilst he was conveying it to the common pound of the said Parish for trespassing in a field there belonging to the said Bryant Preston.

8. 3 April. Order at quarter sessions. Whereas at the quarter sessions held on 17th October last past, an appeal was entered on behalf of Charles Gardiner, Esq., against certain orders bearing date respectively the 20 of June and the 4 of July last, under the hands of Philip Godfrey and Joseph Parsons, clerks, justices of the peace, for diverting and turning and stopping up a certain part of the public footway in the parish of Welwyn, leading out of a certain highway in the said parish, called the Back Lane, across the land of Charles Chauncey, clerk, towards another highway and turnpike road in the same parish called the North Road, in the said orders more particularly mentioned and described, and against all the proceedings had in or about the same. And the justices dismissed the appeal. And whereas in obedience to a writ of mandamus of our Lord the King, returnable at Westminster within fifteen days from Easter, reciting that the said appeal was dismissed without hearing and determining the merits of the same, this Court caused the said appeal to be entered as of Michaelmas sessions with continuance to the present sessions, and having heard the merits of the same do ratify and confirm the said order.

137. 16 September. Examination of James Clements, of Hoddesdon, baker, who deposes that John McWise came to his house and asked for half-a-quartern loaf, and threw down a three shilling token for which he gave him change. The token was a bad one.

139. 22 September. Information of Daniel Green, of Aspeden, tanner. He complains that William Hall, one of his

labourers employed in his tanyard, threatened him, and attempted to strike him, when the constable's son came and took him away to the cage.

167. Indictment of Edward Shorter, of Hemel Hempstead, and William Wootton, of the same, labourers, for stealing three bushels of soot value ten pence.

"Both found guilty and boy recommended to mercy. That Wootton be ordered to imprisonment one month and publicly whipt. Ditto Shorter."

176. Indictment of Jacob Potterell, of St. Peters, labourer, for stealing half-a-peck of pease, value 6d. "Committed to gaol for four months."

181. Indictment of John McWise, of Hoddesdon, labourer, for uttering to James Clements a spurious three shilling bank token. "Imprisoned six months and find sureties for six months more."

208. Account of Samuel Andrews for carpenter's work to the gaol and bridewell:—

To fixing the gallows for Smith, executed for sheep stealing, and taking down ditto, &c., 1*l.* 1*s.* To an elm coffin for ditto and two pairs of handles, 1*l.* 4*s.*

227. Account of Charles Nicholls for repairs to High bridge near Radlett.

247. Bill of the Clerk of the Peace.

9 January. The chaplain of the gaol having signified his intention of resigning at the next session, drawing and recording order that the Clerk of the Peace do write the magistrates thereof and of their appointing a successor.

Drawing and recording order that a door be opened into the *Nisi Prius* Court from the middle of the passage between the court.

The like that a door be opened into the same court opposite the foot of the back stairs.

The like that a partition be put and seats made on entering the court on the right hand from the justices' room.

Easter Sessions. The like for appointing the Rev. Mr. Franklin chaplain of the gaol, with a salary.

The like for paying W. Taylor for painting Bedwell bridge.

Michaelmas Sessions. Making list of all the magistrates in the commission, with their residence; distinguishing those acting, the names of those who have left the county, changed their titles and places, and where acting magistrates are most in want, in consequence of a letter from the Lord Lieutenant.

255. 20 May. Letter, dated from St. Albans, from John Boys, clerk to the magistrates, to [the Clerk of the Peace], informing him as surveyor of the public bridges in the county, that High Bridge near Radlett in the road "from hence" to Elstree is in a dangerous state, owing to one of the parapet walls being thrown down, and asking him if the bridge is under his direction. He also says that the bridge appears to be in the hamlet of Theobalds, in the hundred of Dacorum.

278. 14 August. Indenture apprenticing Peter McMullen, aged 17 years, with the consent of William McMullen, his father, to William Good, of Royston, cooper. The said William Good covenants to find his apprentice meat, drink, washing, and lodging, and the said William McMullen covenants to find him wearing apparel, medical assistance, and other necessaries. Consideration money 30*l.*

BUNDLE FOR 1816.

2. 5. January. Notice of appeal by the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal against a rate for the relief of the poor of the parish of Hemel Hempstead.

11. 10 April. Like notice of appeal against a rate in the parish of Kings Langley.

12. 10 April. Like notice of appeal against a rate in the parish of Hemel Hempstead

23. 4 June. Notice by J. Horseman, justice of the peace to the officer commanding the division of the 15th Hussars quartered at Great Berkhampstead and Northchurch that at

the last general quarter sessions held on 22 April, 1816, the following additional allowance was ordered for carriages provided for the King's forces in their marches or for their clothes, arms or accoutrements, *viz* :—An additional allowance of 4*d*. for every mile any waggon with five horses should travel in such service, to be paid by the commanding officers providing the same, making in the whole the sum of 1*s*. 4*d*. per mile, which allowance is hereby requested to be paid to the constables of Great Berkhampstead and Northchurch for eight waggons with five horses each—six of them to Leighton and two to Dunstable provided this day for the above regiments.

24. 4 June. Baggage warrant for the 15th Regiment of Dragoons in their route from Berkhampstead to Leighton Buzzard.

86. 29 June. Recognizance for the good behaviour of John Banks late of Birmingham, co. Warwick, for two years commencing from 10 July next, in conformity with the sentence passed upon him at the assizes 1815 held for the county of Hertford, being charged and convicted of uttering base coin.

124. 19 November. Recognizance by Robert Ruskin the younger of Cheshunt, farmer, and Robert Ruskin the elder of the same, for the appearance of the said Robert the younger to answer for assaulting Samuel Bonnett.

150. 20 January. Examination of Thomas Reed, constable of Sawbridgeworth, who depôses that he received a warrant from the constable of Ware to arrest Richard and Samuel Brown. That he went to the Castle at Stortford to apprehend them, and found them sitting together. He complains that Edward Newton and James Porter, who worked at the windmill at Stortford refused to assist him.

155. 15 April. Information of John Shacky of Berkhampstead, gamekeeper to the Earl of Bridgewater, who deposes that on 5 April he saw Alfred Wilkinson and John Bunce fishing with rods and lines in the Broadwater in the parish of Berkhamstead, without the consent of the owner the Earl of Bridgewater. On the 10 of April he saw them hunting with a bull dog in a field called Ten Acres the property of the said Earl.

179. 18 October. Information of Philip Hawkins constable of the parish of Royston who deposes that on Wednesday last being the day of Royston Fair he was desired by Josias Johnson, the lessee of the ground upon which the fair is held, to distrain upon the goods of Israel Andrews, fisherman, for the toll of the ground which he occupied in the fair. He went to the said Andrews and upon his refusing to pay the toll, took up a salmon upon which the said Andrews knocked him down.

209. Indictment of Ann Derebridge of the parish of Cheshunt, singlewoman, for stealing a yard of silk, value 3*d*.

Endorsed:—"No bill, in consequence of the witness Mary Bleak declaring that she neither knows her age, nor the nature of an oath.

224. Indictment of James King of Ware, labourer, for stealing a shilling.

"Found guilty; ordered to be confined in Bridewell in a cell, alone, for a fortnight."

228. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Hitchin to the parish of Graveley a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Little Wymondley containing in length 1300 yards or thereabouts and in breadth 20 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Little Wymondley ought to repair the same.

229. Presentment that another part of the same highway lying in the parish of Great Wymondley containing in length 700 yards or thereabouts and in breadth 20 feet or thereabouts is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Great Wymondley ought to repair the same.

230. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Harpenden to St. Albans in a north eastwardly direction over and across part of a certain close called Harpenden Common, and between a certain close of William Patmore called Phillips close, and a close of John Newbold Bacon called Trustram's close towards and into another common and ancient highway leading from Harpen-

don to Hatfield, the whole of which highway first mentioned containing in length 770 yards or thereabouts and in breadth 20 feet or thereabouts, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Harpenden ought to repair the same.

232. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from town of Ware to the village of Walkern a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Bennington commencing at the south corner of a close of John Pollard, clerk, called Home Close and ending at the place where the same highway enters the highway leading from the village of Walkern to the village of Watton containging in length 2000 yards and in breadth 20 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Bennington ought to repair the same.

233. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Meesden, in the parish of Meesden, through the village of Brent Pelham, in the parish of Brent Pelham, and to the village of Furneux Pelham, and a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Brent Pelham, beginning at the boundary of the said parish of Brent Pelham, and extending southward to the boundary of the said parish, containing in length 2800 yards and in breadth five yards, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Brent Pelham ought to repair the same.

234. 5 January. Certificate by Joseph Parsons, clerk, and William Wilshere, that they have viewed a new footway in the parish of Offley, part of the footway leading from the village of Lilley to Mangrove Green in the parish of Lilley, commencing at the north-east corner of a certain close of pasture belonging to John Sowerby, Esq., called Church Balks, which footway contains in length 266 perches or thereabouts, and was set out through lands and grounds of the said John Sowerby pursuant to an order dated 28 April, 1810, for diverting and turning that part of 'the ancient' footway from the village of Lilley to Mangrove Green, which leads by another direction from the said north-east corner of the said close called Church Balks, and find that such new footway is completed and put in good condition.

236. 10 July. Certificate by Sir Simon le Blanc, appointed with others to deliver Hertford Gaol. That Sanders Deighton was convicted of breaking and entering the dwelling-house of William George, the elder, on 14 March last, at the parish of St. John, Hertford, and stealing goods of the value of 7*l.* 2*s.* And that it appears to the said Sir Simon that William George, the younger, was the person who apprehended the said Sanders Deighton and prosecuted him until he was convicted. And that for a reward to the said William George, the younger, upon such conviction by virtue of an Act of 10 and 11 William III., intituled "An Act for the better apprehending, prosecuting and punishing of felons that commit burglary, housebreaking, or robbery, in shops, warehouses, coachhouses, or stables, or that steal horses "the said William George is discharged from all manner of "parish or ward offices in the parish of St. John, Hertford."

237. 3 March. Certificate of the discharge of Joseph Special from all parish or ward offices in the parish of Bishop's Stortford, for apprehending Thomas Turner, who committed a burglary at the dwelling-house of John Wyles in the said parish.

252. 29 July. Certificate of the discharge of Isaac Cook, from all parish and ward offices in the parish of Bishop's Stortford, for apprehending Richard Howes who stole a gelding.

263. "The prisoners humble petition to the worshipful magistrates of Hertford."

"As we cannot procure ourselves that necessary article soap, to keep ourselves clean we are thereby exposed to the various calamities attending on filth which is the cause of many infectious distempers and diseases. We, therefore, unanimously implore that your honours will take it into consideration and allow us a trifle of soap for this essential purpose."

264. Report by Henry Cowper and others appointed to inspect the gaol.

They report that the entire circuit of the upper part of the wall has been suffered to be overgrown with weeds which have taken deep root so as to make it necessary to take

down on an average 2 feet 6 inches in depth of the said circuit and rebuild it. It being necessary that so much as could be repaired before the winter set in should be immediately begun, an estimate was submitted to the court who directed that the east wall containing 151 feet in length, and the south wall containing 226 feet in length should be put into repair, and they now report that this has been done.

They also recommend that the brickwork pavement of the court yard be newly done, and that the privy to the felons gaol be made wholesome. That the outward gate of the gaol opposite the bridewell has been repaired, but they apprehend that it will be necessary to replace it by a new one.

They find that the cells, consisting of eight large ones (one of which is used for a general day room in which the prisoners assemble) and six smaller ones, are commodious, cleanly and wholesome.

The beds of the prisoners consist of a very sufficient quantity of clean straw laid on the floor of each cell, which floor is boarded; part of the straw is plaited at the sides to prevent the loose straw upon which the prisoners lie, from being scattered about. They recommend that wooden bedsteads raised 11 inches from the floor, be supplied.

287. Account of Samuel Andrews:—To fixing the gallows fronting the gaol, for the execution of Sarah Cock for murder and taking down ditto, 12*s*.

289. Account of James Nunn:—Mending an iron and fixing to whipping post, 2*s*.; mending a lock to the chapel door, 3*s*., &c.

306. Account of W. P. Willson:—Conveying twelve convicts on board the *Captivity* hulk lying in Portsmouth Harbour, 100 miles at 1*s*. each per mile 60*l*. Conveying Maria Cooper on board the *Lord Melville* lying at Deptford, 28 miles, 1*l*. 8*s*.

311. Account of the same for conveying John Camplin to the Philanthropic Society, 1*l*. 3*s*.

331. Disbursements attending keeping the gaol:—Soap for all the felons in the gaol, 2*l.* 10*s.* &c.

335. 14 July. Application from ——— to ——— from Great Berkhampstead, for the additional allowance of 4*d.* per waggon for conveying the baggage of the following:—May 8, the 2nd Dragoon Guards to Watford; May 22, the 1st Dragoon Guards to Leighton; June 5, the 15th Dragoons to Leighton; June 6, the 15th Dragoons to Leighton; June 17, the 9th Dragoons to Rickmansworth; June 19, the 9th Dragoons to the same.

338. 20 September. Chelmsford Gaol. Letter from Thomas Cawkwell, Jun., to Mr. Willson, keeper of Hertford Gaol.

On my return from a journey I found your letter relative to an inquiry as to an allowance of soap. I am allowed 2*l.* 10*s.* per quarter for washing the felons linen which is regularly done by the female prisoners, and for which I find them a sufficient quantity of soap and fuel, &c., and pay them 2*s.* a week, which amounts altogether to about the money allowed. I have inquired at the bridewell and find it is done there in the same way.

365. Memorandum that a baker is to be employed to bake the bread for the gaol in loaves of 1lb. and 8oz., and in loaves of 3lb. weight to be delivered to the gaoler and weighed in his presence. Each prisoner to be permitted to see his allowance weighed.

The gaol to be washed with hot lime every summer; 1lb. of common soda to be added to a pail of slack-lime.

370-373. A plan of the river Lee and its navigation from Hertford to Limehouse, with a profile of the fall.

BUNDLE FOR 1817.

31-33. Appeals against rating by the Graud Junction Canal Company.

137. 27 January. Examination of George Ruthven, of Holles Street, Clare Market, co. Middlesex, police constable, attached to the office in Bow Street.

That in consequence of a letter from Montagu Burgoyne, Esq., of Mash Hall, Sutton, co. Essex, requesting him to go to Potten Street to detect a gang of poachers, he went to Potten Street and asked the landlord of the King's Head if he could introduce him to any person who could procure him some pheasants. He was introduced to two men—Hutchins and Rogester, and went with them into oak wood in the parish of Sawbridgeworth, where Rogester shot a pheasant.

140. 12 March. Information of Samuel Johnson, of Hatfield, foreman to Thomas Creswick, of Hatfield, papermaker, concerning a theft of rags called knotty rags, Hamburgh rags, and country colours.

185. 24 November. Information of John Haney, overseer of the poor of the parish of Hunsdon, carpenter and wheelwright, that the stocks at Hunsdon had been destroyed.

William French deposes that after he, John Meade and several others came out of the "Crown" public-house where they had attended the first meeting of a benefit club, the said John Meade broke the stocks.

198. Indictment of James Curry, of Offley, labourer, for stealing a pair of leather boots, value 10*s*.

"Ordered to be imprisoned a month in bridewell and publicly whipped."

221. Indictment of Richard Hill, of Hitchin, labourer, for stealing eight pairs of cotton web braces, value five shillings.

"Ordered to be imprisoned a month in gaol and publicly whipped the last Saturday."

224. Indictment of Robert Ruskin, for rescuing four calves and a heifer which Samuel Bennett was conveying to the common pound of the parish of Cheshunt.

226. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Anstey, in the parish of Anstey to the market town of Buntingford, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Anstey, beginning at the west side of the King's highway in the same parish (leading from the village of Hare Street to the village of Barkway) and extending

westward to the boundary of the said parish of Anstey, containing in length 600 yards and in breadth five yards, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Anstey ought to repair the same.

228. Presentment that there is an ancient highway lying in the parish of Pirton, containing in length 1200 yards and in breadth 30 feet which is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Pirton ought to repair the same.

229. Indictment of James Williams, of North Mimms, labourer, for poaching with nets in the wood of Samuel Robert Gaussen, Esq., called Fox's Wood, in the parish of North Mimms.

"Ordered to be imprisoned three months in gaol."

246. Account of James Nunn :—Making three pairs of leg irons, three new rings, mending one link, and shutting three rings, 7*s.* 6*d.*, &c.

250. Account of Samuel Andrews for repairs to Cowbridge.

256. Account of John Faint for repairs to Hadham Mill bridge.

273. Memorandum of repairs wanted at the Shire Hall and gaol viz: The Shire Hall:—In the waiting room, the council chamber, the ante-room, the assembly room, the north-west council chamber, the north-east passage, and the justices' room.

The gaol:—The outside doors of the gaol and bridewell are in very bad repair.

274. Estimate for repairs to sashes and sash frames etc., at the Town Hall.

280. Account of William Nunn for repairs to Bushey Mill Bridge, for the county of Hertford, and liberty of St. Albans.

281. Account of John Mitchell for repairs to Bushey Mill Bridge.

298. Account for bread supplied to the prisoners in the gaol and bridewell, from Midsummer to Michaelmas sessions. The price of the quartern loaf varies from 1*s.* 1*d.* to 1*s.* 5½*d.*

303. Bill of the clerk of the peace:—18 January. Making copy of a plan of a mill at Bedford gaol for employing prisoners, and of a letter respecting the working and estimate of it.

25 January. Having received a letter from the Lord Lieutenant, in consequence of one to his lordship from the Secretary of State, for giving notice of the places for exchanging the new for the old silver coin; drawing notice and attending printer therewith.

21 March. In consequence of a letter from the Secretary of State for an account of the number of men confined in houses of correction under the Game Laws, since 17 May last, writing four letters to the keepers thereof for such information.

19 April. Drawing and engrossing order for paying Mr. Faint for repairing Hadham Mill bridge. The like for paying Mr. Fordham for repairing Standon bridge.

2 May. Having received a letter from the Secretary of the Commissioners for regulating mad-houses, for an account of such houses in this county, writing him therewith.

June. In obedience to a letter from Lord Sidmouth, searching records and rolls of sessions from the year 1640, for indictments and recognizances for libels, and taking extracts therefrom. Having received several copies of the report from the National Vaccine Establishment to be distributed to the medical men of this county; enclosing and sending copies to 42 persons.

26 July. Having received a letter for a return of mad-houses and patients, making such return.

324. 28 July. Grand Junction Office. Letter from R. C. Sale to [Clerk of the Peace.]

• Grand Junction Canal Co. and Kings Langley and Northchurch parishes. I shall only proceed in the appeals against the poor rates in the above parishes, it appearing that the Company's agents, without my knowledge, had paid the rates in Hemel Hempstead and Abbots Langley before the appeals were entered.

Western Junction Canal.—I am particularly anxious to have the plans and reference books deposited in 1810 with you by myself. They are of no possible use in your county, as the Grand Junction Canal Company has completed that part of it which goes through Herts to the town of Aylesbury, and the remaining part proposed to go through Bucks and Oxfordshire, is not sanctioned by Parliament.

327. 1 October. 39 Hart Street. Letter from Messrs. Shearman and Wyllie to [Clerk of the Peace.] Having occasion to prosecute an appeal under the Stage Coach Act against a conviction in Hertfordshire, they ask whether the practice of the Herts sessions requires any notice of appeal to be given to the magistrates or the informer.

The letter is marked in red ink:—Any person aggrieved shall enter into a recognizance to appear at the sessions and abide the order of court, and is at liberty to appeal.

345 & 347. Epiphany sessions. Brief to move to enter appeals by the Grand Junction Canal Company against rates in the parish of Kings Langley.

346. Epiphany sessions. Brief to move that a fine be set on the inhabitants of Bennington for not repairing a highway.

348. Easter sessions. Brief to move that the order of the Rev. Thomas Lloyd and Thomas Byron, Esq., for diverting a footway in the parish of Bayford and in the liberty of Brickendon, after proof of the notice be delivered to the clerk of the peace, and that the same be confirmed and enrolled. The order is dated 28 February, 1817.

There has been no notice of appeal, and therefore upon proof of the notices of the diversion on boards and in newspapers, the order will as a matter of course be confirmed and enrolled.

349. Easter sessions. Brief to move that the order of Thomas Lloyd, clerk, and Thomas Byron, Esq., dated 1 March, 1817, for stopping up part of a footway in the liberty of Brickendon, be delivered to the clerk of the peace, and after proof of the notices required by the Act, that the same be confirmed and enrolled. Mr. Baker is the owner of the land over which the footway in question passes.

378. The King *v.* the inhabitants of Brent Pelham for not repairing a road.

Mr. Wrotham, on the part of the prosecution, wishes to avoid the thing being dropped, and requests Mr. Rooke to proceed accordingly, either by levying the fine or otherwise as he thinks most advisable.

BUNDLE FOR 1818.

12. 16 March. Notice of appeal by the Grand Junction Canal Company against rates in the hamlet of Bovingdon.

149. 22 April. Examination of James Worboys, one of the watchmen of the borough of Hertford. He deposes that he arrested a man with a sack of wheat at half-past two in the morning.

203. 21 November. Examination of George Crouch, a prisoner in the gaol at Hertford, who deposes that at Bishop's Hatfield fair, he got with Abraham Nash, drinking at an alehouse, called the Little Bell. Nash had bad money about him, and offered to get some for examinant. That about a week after he went to London to get his wages, 1*l.* 15*s.*, from his master, Mr. Berry, whom he had served as pot-boy. As he was going to London he met Nash at Shoreditch, and asked him if he had any more bad money from Petticoat Lane, because Nash told him he got it there, and Nash said he had. After drinking they went to a court on the right hand, about the middle of Petticoat Lane to the second house on the right hand of the court, which consists of about twenty houses. The man at the house gave examinant 6*l.* 10*s.* of bad money, at the rate of 4*s.* of good money. The man who gave him the money was of fair complexion, with red hair, short and rather stout, with boots, corduroy breeches and a snuff coloured coat. About a fortnight ago, examinant went to Petticoat Lane with John Tubbs, who used to drive the waggon to Wormley. He has also been there with Long Country Jem about a month ago, and another time with George Page, who drove the Norwich waggon.

213. 28 December. Examination of John Spriggins, constable of the parish of Walkern, who deposes that on 12 December, between 11 and 12 o'clock at night, he was called to assist in quelling a disturbance occasioned by persons fighting in a field in the said parish. He saw John Smedley and James Clayton fighting, and went to them with his constable's staff, and tried to part them, but was prevented by Richard Bardolf and many other persons.

218. Indictment of George Selby, of Wormley, labourer, for stealing a three shilling Bank token and half a crown.
No true bill.

233. Indictment of Thomas Jennings of Great Amwell, labourer, for stealing a peck of coals, value 2*d*.
"Found guilty, ordered to be imprisoned in gaol a month and publicly whipt the last Saturday"

259. Indictment of William King of the parish of Braughing, labourer, for poaching in a wood called the Old Plantation in the said parish and in Hamells Park in the said parish.
Ordered to be imprisoned in gaol twelve months.

261. Presentment that there is an ancient highway in the parish of Layston a certain part whereof extending from the bridge across the River Rib to the dwelling-house of Thomas Titchmarsh containing in length 156 yards and in breadth four feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Layston ought to repair the same.

262. Presentment that there is a common drain, ditch or shore in the parish of Great Amwell, adjoining an ancient highway leading from the towns of Hertford and Ware to the market town of Hoddesdon and such ditch containing in length about 425 feet and in breadth about one foot commencing at the corner of the cottage occupied by James Kimpton on the south side of the said ditch, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Great Amwell ought to repair and cleanse the same as often as it shall be necesssary.

263. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the parish of Witford, otherwise Widford, to the market towns of Ware and Hertford, a certain part whereof in the parish of Ware beginning at the corner of a newly erected cottage occupied by Thomas Brand on the west side of the said highway, containing in length about 640 feet and in breadth about 50 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Ware ought to repair the same.

264. Presentment that there is a public bridge commonly called Hull Bridge in the parish of Westmill, in the highway leading from Buntingford to the village of Braughin, which

is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Westmill ought to repair the same.

265. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from a house occupied by John Down, Esq., called Noah's Ark Farm, in the parish of Ware to the town of Ware a certain part whereof in the parish of Ware, beginning at a house called Fanham's Hall, and continuing to a newly erected cottage or tenement in the occupation of Thomas Brand on the west side of the said highway leading up to Noah's Ark aforesaid, containing in length 2000 feet and in breadth 15 feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Ware ought to repair the same.

266. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Braughin to the village of Albury, a certain part whereof in the parish of Braughin extending eastward from a certain green called Norton Green to the boundary of the said parish, containing in length 1325 yards and in breadth seven yards, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Braughin ought to repair the same.

267. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Albury to the village of Braughin, and a certain part thereof in the parish of Albury, extending westward from the dwelling-house ——Rust, to the boundary of the said parish, containing in length 963 yards, and in breadth seven yards, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Albury ought to repair the same.

268. Presentment that there is a highway leading from Yardley Church End, in and through the parish of Yardley to a place called Cromer, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Yardley, extending from a place called Sharpe Hill to a place called Little Wood Bridge, containing in length 98 poles, and in breadth 26 feet, is in decay, by reason of a great quantity of water continually running along the said highway, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Yardley ought to repair the same.

269. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from Baldock to Buntingford, a certain part whereof lying in the

parish of Clothall, beginning at a place called Warren Gap, and extending eastward to the boundary of the said parish at a place called Cumberlow Green, containing in length 4075 yards, and in breadth seven yards, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Clothall ought to repair the same.

270. Indictment of William Christell, of the parish of Baldock, labourer, for uttering a counterfeit shilling.

"Ordered to be imprisoned a twelvemonth, and then find sureties, himself in 40*l*, and two sureties in 20*l*."

271. Indictment of Joseph Hilton, Edward Hilton, and James Bowman, yeomen, and John Gray, labourer, all of the parish of Rushden, for conspiring to procure a marriage between Thomas Morris, settled at Rushden (a poor man, unable to support himself and a wife), and Mary Gray, a poor woman settled at Aspeden, thereby intending to discharge the said Edward Hilton and the parishioners of Aspeden, from maintaining a bastard child of the said Mary, by the said Edward Hilton.

The said Joseph Hilton and the other defendants promised to pay for a licence, a wedding ring, and wedding dinner; and all the expenses attending the said marriage, and also promised to give something handsome to Thomas and Mary, and told Thomas Morris they would make up the sum already advanced to John Gray, brother of Mary Gray, to 20*l*., for the use of the said Thomas and Mary.

The marriage was solemnized at Aspeden on 26 May, and since then the parishioners have spent 3*l*. in maintaining the said Mary.

A true bill.

273. Indictment of Mary Whitbread, the wife of Francis Whitbread of Bishops Stortford, labourer, for uttering two counterfeit shillings.

"Pleaded not guilty." Found guilty on both counts. "Imprisoned twelve months, and she find sureties for two years; self in 40*l*., and two sureties in 20*l*."

286. 21 March. Certificate by Rogers Parker and Robert Clutterbuck, justices of the peace, that they have employed

William Muncey, of Watford, bricklayer, and John Mitchell of the same, carpenter, to repair Bushey Mill bridge.

401. 2 March. Certificate by Henry Law and Francis Edward Say, that they have viewed a road in the parish of Anstey, beginning at the west side of the highway in the said parish, leading from the village of Hare Street to the village of Barkway, and extending westward to the boundary of the said parish, and find the same is in good repair.

293. 17 October. Certificate by Thomas Hope Byde and B. Dickinson, justices of the peace, that they have viewed a gutter or ditch, lying in the parish of Great Amwell, beginning at Amwell End in the same parish, leading to Hoddesdon and ending there, and find the same is in good repair.

304. Account of James Nunn. For two bushels of charcoal and the use of two braziers to dungeon, 8s., etc.

316. Account of Samuel Andrews for work done at the gaol and bridewell.

To fixing the gallows for Daniel Munn, executed for murder, 12s.; to an elm coffin with two pairs of handles, 1*l.* 4s. Two men going to Weston to fix the gallows for executing Daniel Moles, an incendiary, 1*l.* 5s. To fixing the gallows for William Dyer, executed for highway robbery, 12s.

360. Account of the executors of John Pallett for r[illegible] Cowbridge.

361. Bill of the Clerk of the Peace. 12 December. [illegible] to a conveyance from Mr. Ratcliffe of the site of the new bridewell at Hitchin, 3*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* The like from the carpe[illegible] Mr. Ratcliffe of the site of the old bridewell. Re[illegible] in returns of overseers of the 121 parishes and places [illegible] sive of the liberty of St. Albans, of their poor rates, [illegible] different heads of their applications for seventeen years past, by order from the Secretary of State.

375. 8 January. Watford. Letter from Robert Clutterbuck to [illegible] Clerk of the Peace enclosing the bills for the repair of Bushey Mill bridge, of which one moiety is to be paid by the County and the other by the liberty of St. Albans.

383 & 388. Letters as to appeals by the Grand Junction Canal Company against rating.

389. 24 April. Letter signed by Henry Law and others to Mr. Sharpe, requesting him to inspect New bridge on the turnpike road between Puckeridge and Buntingford, which is in a very bad state.

405. 17 October. Wallington. Letter from Henry Sisson to Mr. Wortham, solicitor, Buntingford, acquainting him that Mr. Morice wishes the presentment he preferred against the parishioners of Westmill for not repairing Hull bridge to be withdrawn.

406. 17 October. Ashwell. Letter from Henry Morice to Clerk of the Peace informing him that he wishes to withdraw the presentment he preferred of Hull bridge, in the parish of Westmill, as a road is repairing and widening, which is more convenient to the public and will render the bridge unnecessary.

450. Midsummer Sessions. Instructions to Mr. Jessop. Be pleased to file the accompanying order for diverting a road in the parish of Abbots Langley.

BUNDLE FOR 1819.

15. 8 April. Warrant to the constable of the parish of Welwyn to arrest John Gray for poaching in Lockley Warren in the parish of Welwyn, the property of Sir George Still.

21. 7 June. Notice that on 7 June John Chesshyre and Charles Montgomery Campbell, justices of the peace, having found that a certain part of a highway in the parish of Little Munden, leading from a certain place called Green End to the parish church of Little Munden, for the length of 624 yards, may be diverted and turned, and having viewed a course proposed for the new highway in lieu thereof, through the land of Nathaniel Snell Chauncey, called the Eight Acres and Great Wheathills, in the parish of Little Munden, of the length of 591 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 40 feet or thereabouts, they order the said

highway to be diverted and turned, and the old highway to be stopped up, and taken in exchange by and vested in the said Nathaniel Snell Chauncey, and that the said order will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace and confirmed, unless upon appeal it be otherwise determined.

22. 7 June. Summons to John Archer to appear at a special sessions, to be held at the house of Octavus Rose, situate at Baldock, to answer for neglecting to send one cart and three horses and two able men to Hooks Green, in the parish of Clothall, to perform the statute duty, whereby he has forfeited the sum of 6*l.*, being twice the amount of the composition for such duty.

Nos. 93 and 176 relate to the same.

24. 12 June. Notice that on 6 June an order was signed by Sir Robert Chester, knight, and William Franks, Esq., justices of the peace, for stopping up as useless and unnecessary a footpath leading from a certain spot on Bushwood Plain in the park of the Marquess of Salisbury, in the Parish of Hatfield (by way of Pollard Wood), to a stile at the south-east corner of a field called Reynold's Hill, in the occupation of Robert Pallett, in Hatfield, of the length of 1,677 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of two feet or thereabouts on an average, which said path diverges at the said spot on Bush Wood plain, from another path which also leads (by way of Mowell Hill Brick Kiln) to and meets the said first-mentioned path at the said stile, at the south-east corner of the said field called Reynolds Hill, both of which said paths lead to West End in the parish of Essendon. And that the said order will be lodged with the clerk of the peace, and will be confirmed at the next quarter sessions, unless upon appeal it shall be otherwise determined.

27. 18 August. Order by John Chesshyre and C. R. Campbell that having viewed the several highways in the plan annexed, and made an order for diverting the old highway and being satisfied that the new highway is properly made and fit for the reception of travellers, the old highway being of the length of 624 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 40 feet upon a medium, be stopped up. Plan annexed.

42. 5 January. Recognizance for the appearance of William Langford, the younger, of Hitchin, brazier, to prosecute James Hunt and Harry Warner, for stealing three parcels of old metal called pot and cock metal.

140. 20 December. Recognizance for the appearance of William Ward, of Cheshunt, yeoman, to appeal against his conviction for taking a greater toll as collector of tolls, authorized by law to be taken, at a certain turnpike gate in the parish of Cheshunt.

155. 8 February. Examination of Joseph Heath, of Tottenham High Cross, gentleman, who says that on 31 October last he was out shooting upon a farm in the parish of Reed, in the County of Hertford, occupied by John Horner. That the said John Horner was in company with examinant and carried a gun, but examinant did not see him charge or fire it. Examinant is the proprietor of copyhold estates situate in the parish, and held of the manor of Tottenham High Cross, of the net clear annual value of 100*l.* per annum and upwards free from any incumbrance. He also says that the brace of dogs used on the said 31 October last were brought down by him from Tottenham High Cross for the purpose of sporting.

162. 20 March. Complaint of Joseph Smith, of the parish of Therfield, miller. That he occupies a mill in the parish of Ashwell. That about 7 o'clock in the morning of the present day, he went to his mill as usual and set it to work, and kept it at work for about an hour, when he went to breakfast at the public-house known by the sign of the Hare and the Hounds. While he was at breakfast, John Grant and others told him to take his property out of the mill, as they were going to pull it down, and they then proceeded to do so. Complainant then went to his landlord John Phillips, of Royston, who desired his clerk to go with complainant to the mill.

168. 24 May. Information of William Clarke, of the parish of St. George, co. Middlesex, gentleman, that on 15 May last, at the parish of Cheshunt, Thomas Norris, late of Hertford,

coach driver, drove a coach with four wheels and drawn by four horses, he being also proprietor of the said coach which was employed for conveying passengers from Hertford to London, which coach contained more than ten, viz., twelve outside passangers, and a quantity of luggage outside.

178. 18 August. Examination of Isaac Zaffrany and Samuel Levy, of Morocco, spice-dealers, concerning an assault upon them by six men, whilst travelling on the road in the parish of Broxbourne, carrying two umbrellas which they held over their heads.

179. 18 August. Joseph Webbe Coope, of Marylebone Lane, No. 61, in co. Middlesex, deposes that he witnessed the assault.

181. 15 September. Complaint of Elizabeth Lacey, of the parish of Therfield, widow, that Sarah Dale violently assaulted her.

Sarah Anderson deposes that whilst Elizabeth Lacey was gleaning in Therfield common field, the said Sarah Dale assaulted her.

208. Indictment of John Austin, of Theobald Street, labourer, for stealing a truss of hay value 2*s*., and a quantity of hay called a bottle, value 1*s*.

226. Indictment of George Child, of Bishops Hatfield, labourer, for stealing a smock frock, value 3*s*.

"Found guilty; ordered to be imprisoned to next Saturday sennight, and then publicly whipt and discharged."

236. Indictment of George Crouch of Wormley, labourer, for uttering three counterfeit shillings.

"Found guilty; imprisoned six months, and publicly whipt twice, the first Saturday after three months, and the last Saturday."

238. Indictment of John Smedley, James Clayton, James Spriggens, Benjamin Shelford, Richard Bardolph, Thomas Bardolph, and John Smith, of Walkern, labourers, for riotously assembling on Saturday, 12 December last, at Walkern, and assaulting John Spriggens constable there.

239. Indictment of John Sibley, of Berkhampstead, St. Peter, labourer, for poaching with a gun in Frithesden Copse, in the said parish, the property of the Earl of Bridgewater.

"Found guilty and ordered to be imprisoned 12 months."

241. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the village of Albury to the village of Braughing, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Albury, containing in length 960 yards, and extending westwards from the dwelling-house in the occupation of William Rust, and in breadth 10½ feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Albury ought to repair the same.

242. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the town of Baldock through the parish of Clothall, to the parish of Rushden, a certain part whereof lying in the parish of Clothall, containing in length 4075 yards, and extending eastward from a certain place called Warren Gap, and in breadth seven yards, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Clothall ought to repair the same.

243. Indictment of Edward Atkins and others for damaging a windmill, in the parish of Ashwell, the property of Joseph Smith, by taking down two doors and cutting three sails with the whips and bucks of the same, and taking off one of the sails.

246. Indictment of Thomas Edwards and others of Northaw, labourers, for riotously assembling and assaulting Joseph King, one of the constables of Northaw, and John Timms.

·267. 1 December. Certificate by Joseph Turnbull that a certain building in the parish of Anstey in the occupation of Mary Jorden is intended to be used as a chapel for religious worship by protestant dissenters from the Church of England and of the denomination of Independents.

277. Account of the executors of John Pallett for bricklayers' work done to gaol and bridewell:—For making good breach in wall cut away by a prisoner, &c.

278. Account of John Prior for repairing a brick bridge at Sawbridgeworth.

289. Account of S. Andrews:—To putting up gallows and taking down; to an elm coffin, planed, oiled and pitched, with two pairs of handles for a prisoner executed; to an elm coffin,

planed and oiled, with two pairs of handles for a prisoner in the bridewell, &c.

294. Account of Benjamin Rooke, coroner, for holding inquests on John Smith, suffocated by drinking spirits; and on Sir Henry Crewe, bart., killed by a fall from his carriage, and others.

303. Account of W. P. Willson for conveying Richard Ruskin, Joseph Wooton, James Anthony, Nathaniel Hartley, Abednego Munn, Thomas Smith, Edward Bearcroft, John Turner, James Ward and William Lines, to Sheerness, 73 miles at 1*s*. each per mile, 36*l*. 10*s*. Conveying Mary Davis and Catherine Pearce to the Penitentiary at Mill Bank, 25 miles at 1*s*. each per mile, 2*l*. 10*s*.

309. Account of William Sharp for journeys to Westmill, Braughin Standon and Wadesmill bridges and estimating for repairs to same. For journeys to two bridges at Braughin, Westmill, Wadesmill, Ware and Widford bridges with estimates and to inspect repairs.

311. Account of Jesse Poor for Bricklayers' work done at the bridge between Berkhampstead and Bayford.

321. Account of W. P. Willson for conveying Elizabeth Tucker and Mary Crawford to the Refuge for the Destitute at Hackney, 24 miles at 1*s*. each per mile 2*l*. 8*s*.

323. Account of Thomas Spicer to the Liberty of St. Albans and the county of Hertford for removing ground and deepening water at Bushey Mill Bridge.

328. Account of the clerk of the peace:—Having received an order of the House of Commons for a return of madhouses and patients—writing Mr. Jacob of Hadham for an account of his number. Making a return accordingly and writing the Secretary of State therewith.

Having received an order of the House of Lords for a return of cotton mills and woollen factories, writing the Secretary of State in obedience thereto.

Having received a letter from Lord Sidmouth for a return of prisoners at the last Michaelmas and Epiphany Sessions distinguishing those committed and indicted, sentences, acquittals, &c., making out same.

Drawing and recording order for committee to consider the employment of prisoners.

Drawing and recording order for the clerk to write Lord Bridgewater, in answer to a letter from him, that the court cannot rebuild Hunton bridge, as not being a county bridge.

Drawing and recording order for paying Mr. Sherwin's bill for slating to the chapel of the gaol.

Writing six letters to keepers of county gaols for information respecting mills, &c., for prisoners.

Making out account of the number of prisoners committed to the bridewell in the last six years, for the committee.

Drawing and recording order for Mr. Willson to provide apparel for prisoners.

Writing several letters to Mr. Cubit respecting a mill for the prisoners and its power.

Receiving, sorting, and filing vagrant convictions and passes this year.

Making alphabetical index in a book of 1416 vagrants' convictions and passes.

Receiving returns of yeomanry cavalry corps this year and filing same.

Writing 91 letters to magistrates for taking into further consideration the offer of the Marquess of Salisbury of Hertford Castle for a lunatic asylum.

329. Account of S. Austin for printing resolutions of Committee for Lunatic Asylum, &c.

332. 6 January. Hemel Hempstead. Letter from Grover and Smith to Benjamin Rooke, asking him to have the Puttenham award ready for them which was left with him for enrolment.

337. 10 April. Royston. Letter from Geo. Buckmaster to B. Rooke. It having been thought advisable by the Queen's Head Benefit Society to make a trifling alteration in one of their articles, the same was voted for at a monthly meeting and carried by a majority of three-fourths of the members then present, and being myself a member I consulted the Rev. Mr. Chester respecting it. The alteration contained in

the enclosed parchment has been done exactly by his direction, at the same time desiring me to send them to you, saying he would speak to you before the quarter sessions, for enrolment.

349. 9 July. Ashridge, Hemel Hempstead. Letter from the Earl of Bridgewater to Clerk of the Peace. I enclose a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the trustees of the Sparrows Herne turnpike road, and request you to lay the same before the magistrates.

In the accident alluded to, a woman on the coach was killed and other passengers extremely injured. We are of opinion that the widening of the bridge on the Watford side (an expense of about 100*l.*) would obviate the present inconvenience, and be of great advantage to the public.

367. Undated. Letter from W. P. Willson to the Rev. Mr. Lloyd. In order to keep the prisoners in the gaol and bridewell in good health and free from vermin, it will be necessary to provide twenty rugs, twelve shirts, twelve jackets and trousers, and twelve pairs of shoes and stockings; and although they may not be immediately wanted, if they were left in my hands I would take care to supply those persons that were most in want of them according as I saw it necessary. At this very time all the rugs would be required to be in use.

395. Orders at quarter sessions. That the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the house of correction be agreed to.

That a committee consisting of the members of the above committee be appointed to carry the matter of the said report into execution.

That the said committee have power to erect a mill.

Orders at the adjourned sessions, 18 November. That to lessen the number of idle and disorderly vagrants the following notice be painted on boards and affixed at each end of the towns of Hertford, Hatfield, Welwyn, Stevenage, Cheshunt, Ware, Buntingford, and Royston, and such other places as may be directed, and that the same notice be printed and distributed to the constables of other towns and

principal villages, to be placed in conspicuous places there:

"Notice is hereby given that all persons taken up as "vagrants will, pursuant to the Acts of Parliament relative "to such offenders, be committed to the house of correction "till the next quarter sessions, or for such shorter period as "to the magistrates shall seem proper, and that they will be "kept to hard labour during their confinement."

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2. Quarter sessions held 10 January. The committee appointed to carry into effect the alterations and improvements in the gaol and house of correction at Hertford report that they have executed such works.

That in considering the best mode of employing the prisoners committed to hard labour, they are of opinion that a mill for grinding and dressing corn is likely to be the most effectual mode of employing persons who are unwilling to work, and by the irksome fatigue of it calculated to operate as punishment for their offences, and that it is less likely than any other species of manufacture to interfere with the trades of the honest inhabitants of the neighbourhood.

That a mill for the same purpose has been erected and in use for three months and upwards in the gaol at Bury St. Edmunds, and has been found to answer well in every respect; and the committee are of opinion that a mill of the same construction would be best calculated to answer the objects in view in the bridewell at Hertford.

That a plan has been presented by Mr. Cubitt, the engineer who constructed the mill at Bury St. Edmunds; but as the execution of it would probably require some deviations from the plan presented by the committee at the last sessions, for alterations to be made in the yards in the house of correction, and will also be attended with more expense than was at that time in contemplation, the committee request that the court of general quarter sessions will authorize them to adopt the plan for a mill recommended by Mr. Cubitt, and to make such alterations in the

plan presented for the improvement of the house of correction as may, upon full consideration, appear to them advisable; with power to incur such expense beyond the sum estimated in the last report of the committee, not exceeding the sum of 600*l.*, as shall be necessary to carry into effect the plan now presented for a mill and the works connected with it.

6. Notice that on the 14 February, an order was signed by the Earl of Bridgewater and the Rev. James Horseman, two of his Majesty's justices of the peace, for turning and diverting a certain part of a highway in the parish of Hemel Hempstead lying between a certain spot opposite the engine-house at the south-west end of the town, and the new bridge at Bury Mill End in the same parish, of the length of 232 yards or thereabouts, and particularly described in the plan annexed to the said order* into and through two meadows of Harry Grover of Hemel Hempstead called Bury Mead and Harris's Garden lying parallel with the said road so proposed to be diverted, to be united with the said old road at the said bridge at Bury Mill End of the length of 228 yards or thereabouts and of the breadth of 26 feet or thereabouts particularly described in the said plan. And that the said order will be lodged with the clerk of the peace on 10 April next and also that the said order will be confirmed and enrolled unless upon appeal it be otherwise determined.

22. 29 June. Notice of appeal by the churchwardens and overseer of Little Munden against an order for the removal of William Spencer from the parish of Bennington to Little Munden.

Endorsed: A fortnight after Michælmas-day, 1814, he let himself to Mr. Gutteridge of Little Munden for a year at 7*s.* 6*d.* a week and his lodging and stayed a year before he quitted the service. A fortnight before he left he agreed to let himself to Mr. George Lawrence of Little Munden at 8*s.* a week and continued in his service lodging in the house for about three years. He was engaged as shepherd.

58. 19 April. Recognizance for the appearance of John Ellis to prosecute Richard Negus, Charles Barnes and William

*Plan not annexed to this document.

Revell the younger of Barley, labourers, for violently dispossessing the said John Ellis of a dwelling-house and orchard in Barley, the said John Ellis having been put in possession by the sheriff's officer.

59. 25 April. Recognizance for the appearance of Henry Macdonald of New Inn, Old Bailey, in the City of London, proprietor of a stage coach, to appeal against a conviction for using a carriage with four wheels called a stage coach for conveying passengers from Bishop's Stortford to London, without having his name painted on the outside panel thereof.

107. 5 September. Recognizance for the appearance of Daniel Bigg, of Ware, brickmaker, to answer for that he being hired by the said Caleb Hitch, for the whole of the present brickmaking season as a brickmaker, lately left the service of the said Caleb without his consent.

132. 5 February. Examination of Ellis Piggott, constable of the parish of Thundridge. That Mr. Brewster gave into his custody William Hulls, James Draper, and John Brown, whom he suspected to be thieves. Examinant searched them, and found upon them several knives, gimlets, and nails, and in their cart be found a bag containing a blanket, a dark lantern, a pistol, and a centre bit. The cart had neither name nor number on it.

153. 11 April. Depositions of Bernard Lucas, clerk to Messrs. Grover & Smith, of Hemel Hempstead, that he saw a copy of a notice affixed to the engine-house, at the side of the highway, in the said notice mentioned from whence the said highway is directed to be turned, and also a like notice affixed to the parish church.

154. 13 April. Depositions of William Clark of the parish of St. George, co. Middlesex, gentleman. That on the 7th, 8th, and 10th of April, instant at Sawbridgeworth, in the county of Hertford, he saw the Bishop's Stortford and London stage coach travelling towards London in the usual way with passengers, and with the words "Bishop's Stortford and London, Licensed to carry four inside passengers," and "Ten" or "Twelve out," marked upon the coach. That

upon searching at the coach duty office, he found that Henry Macdonald, of the New Inn, in the Old Bailey, London, was the only person licensed to keep the said coach. At the times he saw the said coach that the said Henry Macdonald had not his christian and surname painted on the panels thereof, but the fictitious name of William Horne was painted thereon.

167. 26 July. George Edwards, of Bishop's Stortford, letter-carrier for the General Post Office from Bishop's Stortford to Widford, complains that when he went last night, about six o'clock, to the post office at Little Hadham, kept at the Angel Inn, kept by Mrs. Pentland, John Duval assaulted him.

185. 7 October. Examination of Charlotte Preston, wife of Thomas Preston, toll-keeper of Cheshunt. She deposes that on 23 September last, she received two one pound notes from her husband, and put them with two other notes and 18*s*., in a tea chest in the room in which she commonly lived. That the "prisoner" was in bed in her house till about one o'clock on Sunday morning, when she called him to go with her son to the toll house to receive the tolls paid by persons going to and from Waltham Fair.

189. 7 October. Examination of Isaac Pye, of Cheshunt, who deposes that in consequence of John Want confessing that he stole the said tea chest, he went to the White Lion at Epping, where the young woman of the house informed him that prisoner offered to change a one pound Romford bank-note, and also offered her the choice of three other notes to change viz: a Royston note, a Weldon note, and a Bank of England note, and that she preferred the Romford note, as being better acquainted with the connexion of the firm.

197. Epiphany sessions. Presentment that a certain common bridge, erected in 1788, by and at the charges of the inhabitants of Little Berkhampstead, over a watercourse or brook commonly called Stratton Brook, in the parish of Little Berkhampstead, in the highway there leading from Bayford to Little Berkhampstead, and thence to Bishop's Hatfield and St. Albans and other places, is in decay, and ought to be repaired by the county.

198. Presentment that the above bridge is a county bridge.

203. Indictment of Benjamin French, of the hamlet of Hoddesdon, labourer, for stealing a bridle, value 10*d.*, and a pair of driving reins, value 10*d.*

"Found guilty. Ordered under this and the other indictment to be publicly whipt next Saturday, and imprisoned in bridewell to hard labour for six months."

227. Indictment of Joseph Edwards, of Hunsdon, labourer, for stealing twelve faggots of wood, value 1s.

"Found guilty, and ordered to be imprisoned to bridewell three months and kept to hard labour."

230. Presentment that a brick bridge over the river Gade, at a place called Hunton bridge, in the parish of Abbott's Langley, erected on the turnpike road there called the Sparrows Herne turnpike, is a bridge of public utility, whereby the same appears and is alleged to be a county bridge. The bridge is so built as to render the turning over it at the south-east end very sharp and dangerous for carriages passing over the same, and on 18 July, 1818, a carriage was there overturned, whereby many persons were injured and Mary Brown, a young woman, was killed. The trustees of the said turnpike road are of opinion that if the south wall of the bridge was taken down, and rebuilt in an inclined direction towards the road which leads to it (and which at present comes up to the south-east end of it, nearly at right angles), the danger would be removed. The trustees have caused a plan and estimate to be made of such alteration, which are annexed to the presentment. (These are not now annexed).

231. Presentment that a public bridge, called Essendon bridge, in the parish of Essendon, in the highway leading from Essendon to Barnet, is in decay, and ought to be repaired by the county.

232. Indictment of Richard Negus, of Barley, labourer, who, with others, broke into the dwelling-house of John Ellis, at Barley, and ejected him therefrom.

233. Presentment that there is an ancient highway leading from the parish of Bennington to the town of Ware, a certain part whereof called Whempsted lane, in the parish of Watton, otherwise Watton-at-Stone, containing in length 891 yards and in breadth 10 feet, lying between a place called Whempsted and the turnpike road leading from Watton to Ware, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Watton ought to repair the same.

234. Presentment that another part of Whempsted Lane, in the parish of Little Munden, containing in length 243 yards, and in breadth 10 feet, is in repair, and that the inhabitants of Little Munden ought to repair the same.

236. 10 April, 1820. Memorial of Rowland Alston and others, inhabitants of Sawbridgeworth, to the justices of the peace, praying them to direct the surveyor to inspect the bridge situate on the Newmarket road, which divides the counties of Hertford and Essex. A skilful surveyor has inspected it, and he is of opinion that in its present confined state it is not capable of conducting the water in a flood, and that it is highly necessary it should be taken down and rebuilt with one arch, or that the internal part of the present bridge should be taken out and cast-iron thrown across it to admit a greater current. The road between the navigation and the bridge, which contains in length about 80 yards, is so very low that in a time of flood the water lodges there to a depth of three or four feet for several days, rendering it impossible for foot passengers to pass.

236a. 11 April. Certificate that Henry Macdonald was fined 10*l.* for not having his name painted on the outside of his stage coach.

237. 11 April. Memorial of Rowland Alston and others, inhabitants of Harlow, co. Essex, and Sawbridgeworth, co. Hertford, as to rebuilding Newmarket bridge; and certificate by Rowland Alston and W. Calvert, magistrates, appointed to view the bridges, that the statement in the said memorial is correct, and that the recommendation therein made of a reference to the surveyor for the county of Essex, in conjunction with the surveyor for the county of Hertford, is a proper one.

240. 11 January. Certificate by Thomas Daniell that a bridge in the parish of Little Berkhampstead, lying across Stratton's brook in the highway there, has been put in repair.

241. 22 March. Application to the justices of the peace by Richard Webb, vicar of Kensworth, and William Howard, of Kensworth, gentleman, pursuant to the directions of an Act of 38 Geo. III., intituled "An act for dividing and allotting with powers to enclose the open and common fields, common pastures, common and waste lands, within the parish of Kensworth, in the county of Hertford," to appoint two persons, with a third person to be chosen by such two arbitrators or referees to ascertain by means of the *London Gazette* so long as the returns of the average price of corn shall be published therein, and in case of no such publication then by other means, the average price of a Winchester bushel of good marketable wheat within the county of Hertford for 21 years last past.

242. 5 July. Certificate that the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat for 21 years last past, in the county of Hertford is 10*s*. 2½*d*.

243. 16 October. Certificate by Thomas Daniel and Thomas Lloyd, that the bridge on the highway leading from Little Berkhampstead to Bayford, in the parish of Little Berkhampstead, having been damaged by frost, is repaired.

292. Order for the repair of the county bridge near Bedwell Lodge, in the parish of Essendon, with estimate annexed.

320. Draft letter from the [Clerk of the Peace] to the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire. Stating that in consequence of a letter addressed to the Lord Lieutenant, from the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which calls the magistrates' attention to the amount of remuneration paid to the inspectors for collecting the average prices of corn, "and the neglect of the dealers in corn to make to the inspectors those returns of their dealings which the law requires them to make, under a pecuniary penalty," the magistrates have examined the three inspectors for Hertfordshire, and are of opinion that the sum of 2*s*. for the

weekly return is not sufficient. They suggest that in the event of the matter coming again before Parliament, the amount should be raised to 5*s*., the sum which the inspectors for the maritime districts receive for each return.

In respect to the neglect of the dealers in corn to make to the inspectors a due return of their dealings, they are of opinion that the Act of 31 Geo. III. c. 30., does not give to the inspectors of the inland counties the same powers which it affords to those of the maritime districts.

331a. Memorandum that Samuel Champness of Theydon Bois, carried several people at various times in a light cart with a swing seat.

"This cart is continually used in carrying people from one place to the other, and is, according to the Act, a complete tax-cart."

332. Easter sessions. Instructions to Thomas J. Platt, to move to confirm an order for turning a road at Bury Mill End in the parish of Hemel Hempstead.

335. Midsummer sessions. Instructions to the same to move to file a certificate for the diversion of a highway and that it is in good repair.

338. Michaelmas Sessions. Instructions to J. G. Walford, to move to enter an appeal on behalf of Martha Lyford against the commissioners under the Braughing Enclosure Act for diverting and stopping up a certain road in the parish of Braughing.

BUNDLE FOR 1821.

203. Presentment that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway, leading from the village of Little Berkhampstead towards and into the parish of Cheshunt, and that a certain part of the said highway is very ruinous, broken and in great decay, namely, the part situate, and lying, and being at the east end of a certain place called Newgate Street, in the parish of Cheshunt, containing in length ten yards, and in breadth six feet, and that the inhabitants of Cheshunt ought to repair the same.

211. Presentment that there is a certain common King's highway, leading from a certain place called Beaumont Green to a certain other place called Holly Cross, and that a certain part of the same highway, situate, lying, and being within the parish of Cheshunt, containing in length 428 yards, and in breadth three yards two feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of Cheshunt ought to repair the same.

215. Indictment of George Smedley and George Godfrey, and divers other evil disposed persons, for assembling and rioting at Walkern.

216. Presentment that there is an ancient King's highway leading from the village of Dane End, in the parish of Little Munden, towards and into the market town of Hertford, and that a certain part of the said highway, situate, lying, and being in the parish of Sacomb, on the south side of and near to a certain common field called Brookfield, and so continued towards the town of Hertford for the length of one mile, two furlongs, three poles, and two yards, and being of the breadth of twelve feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Sacomb ought to repair the same.

227. Presentment that a certain common public bridge,

situate and being in the parish of Welwyn, across the highway there leading from the town of Hitchin towards and into the City of London, is ruinous, broken, and in decay; and that the inhabitants of the County of Hertford, ought to repair, rebuild, or amend the same, when and so often as it shall be necessary, and have not so done.

228. Presentment that there is a common bridge over a brook or watercourse situate, lying, and being in the parish of Bayford, in the highway leading from Bayford towards and into the town of Hatfield, and that the said bridge is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the County of Hertford ought to make, build, mend, and repair the same when and as often as need or occasion should or shall require.

313. Account of W. P. Willson for conveying convicts on board the *Ganymede* hulk, lying in the river Medway off Chatham.

341. Account of John Pemberton for surveying and superintending the repairs and alterations to Bayford county bridge.

342. Account of James Waller & Sons for repairs done at Digswell water bridge.

361. Plan of the river Lee from Hertford to Limehouse.

BUNDLE FOR 1822.

21. Notice that an application will be made to the Justices of the Peace for an equal assessment to be made of six pence in the pound upon all and every the occupiers of lands, tenements, woods, tithes, and hereditaments within the parish of St. Andrew in the borough and county of Hertford, for the use and benefit of the highways within the said parish. Dated 6th July, 1822.

201. Information of Thomas Baker of King's Langley, who saith "that on Sunday, the 7th day of April instant, James "Burgin, of Sarratt in the said county, "servantman," did "contemptuously disquiet and disturb the Chapel of Pro-"testant Dissenters assembled at Chipperfield in the said "parish of King's Langley, and therefore he prayeth "Justice." (see also Nos. 205 and 275.)

277. Presentment that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway, leading from the village of King's Walden towards and into the village of Harpenden, and that a certain part of the said highway, situate and lying in the parish of Wheathamsted, commencing at the east corner of a close, in the occupation of William Gatward, where the said highway enters the parish of Wheathamsted, and extending to the south side of a close called Bower Heath, containing in length one thousand seven hundred yards, and in breadth twenty feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Wheathamsted ought to repair and amend the same, when and so often as it shall be necessary.

279. Presentment that there is a certain common and ancient King's Highway, leading from the village of King's Walden towards and into the village of Harpenden, and that a certain part of the said highway, situate and being in the parish of Kimpton, commencing at the south west corner of a close of Maria Greenstreet, called Panmore, and extending to the place where the same highway enters the parish of Wheathamsted, containing in length one thousand seven hundred yards, and in breadth twenty feet, is in decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Kimpton ought to repair and amend the same, when and so often as it may be necessary.

293. Indictment of John Richardson, late of the parish of Knebworth, yeoman, and Richard Blake, late of the same place, farmer, "for that they on the twentieth day of April in the third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Fourth, with force and arms and with a strong hand unlawfully, violently, and irreverently did break and enter into the church of the said parish of Knebworth, and then and there unlawfully and irreverently made a great noise and disturbance therein, and then and there unlawfully and irreverently assumed to celebrate, and did in mockery celebrate part of the Divine Service of the Church of England, to the great scandal of our Holy Religion, and against the peace of our said Lord the King, his crown and

dignity. And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present that the said John Richardson and Richard Blake on the said twentieth day of April, in the third year aforesaid, with force and arms, and with a strong hand, unlawfully, violently, forcibly, and irreverently did break and enter into the Church of the parish of Knebworth, situate and being in the said parish to the great scandal of our Holy Religion, and against the peace of our said Lord the King, his crown and dignity. And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid, do further present that the said John Richardson and Richard Blake, on the said twentieth day of April, in the third year aforesaid, with force and arms at the parish aforesaid, in the County aforesaid, did unlawfully and maliciously conspire, combine, confederate, and agree together, against one James Hart, he the said James Hart then, and still there being Parish Clerk to the said parish, irreverently, forcibly violently, and with a strong hand at the time of celebrating Divine Service, on the then next Sunday in the said Church, to disturb and obstruct in the execution of his duty as such Parish Clerk, and that in pursuance of the said unlawful and malicious conspiracy, combination, confederacy, and agreement, they, the said John Richardson and Richard Blake did accordingly on the Sunday next following the time of their so conspiring, combining, confederating, and agreeing as aforesaid, to wit on the twenty first day of April, in the third year aforesaid, at the parish aforesaid, in the County aforesaid, attend in the said Church at the time of celebrating Divine Service therein, with intent then and there irreverently, forcibly, violently, and with a strong hand to disturb and obstruct the said James Hart, in the execution of his duty as such Parish Clerk, as aforesaid, to the great scandal of our Holy Religion, and against the peace of our said Lord the King, his crown and dignity. And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present that the said John Richardson and Richard Blake on the twentieth day of April, in the third year aforesaid, with force and arms at the parish aforesaid, in the County aforesaid, did unlawfully and maliciously conspire, combine, confederate, and agree

together against the said James Hart, he the said James Hart, then and still there being Parish Clerk of the said parish, at the time appointed for celebrating Divine Service, on the then next Sunday in the said Church, irreverently, forcibly, and with a strong hand to prevent and deter from executing his office of Parish Clerk to the great scandal of our Holy Religion, and against the peace of our said Lord the King, his crown and dignity. And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid, do further present that the said John Richardson and Richard Blake on the twentieth day of April, in the third year aforesaid, with force and arms at the parish aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, did unlawfully and maliciously conspire, combine, confederate, and agree together irreverently, and with violence to prevent the Divine Service from being decently and legally celebrated on Sunday the twenty-first (*sic*) day of April, in the third year aforesaid, in the church of the said parish, to the great scandal of our Holy Religion, and against the peace of our said Lord the King, his crown and dignity. And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, do further present that the said John Richardson and Richard Blake, on the twentieth day of April, in the third year aforesaid, with force and arms at the parish aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, did unlawfully and maliciously conspire, combine, confederate, and agree together to excite during the celebration of Divine Service in the church of the said parish, a personal affray between one Thomas Wilshire and the said James Hart, and also an unlawful and riotous riot and disturbance in the said church to the great obstruction of public religious worship, the great scandal of our Holy Religion, and against the peace of our said Lord the King, his crown and dignity."

294. Presentment that a certain common bridge over the river Kime, otherwise the river Maran (*sic*), commonly called Welwyn Bridge, situate, standing and being in the town and parish of Welwyn, in the King's common highway, leading from the parish of Codicote to the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, is in great decay, broken and ruinous, and that the

inhabitants of the County of Hertford ought to repair and amend the same, when and so often as it shall be necessary. (see also No. 391.)

312. Certificate by Mr. W. Wilshire that the repairs necessary to the House of Correction at Hitchin have been properly executed; and also that the wall of the yard has been heightened in order to prevent the escape of prisoners.

327-330. Accounts of E. Stallibrass for work done at the County Gaol. (see also Nos. 334 and 336.)

338. Estimate for repairing the roof and tiling in certain portions of the County Gaol.

346. Account of Thomas Chick for work done to County Bridge at Bayford.

379. Particulars and estimate for enlarging the present receiving room at the County Gaol, Herts.

422-4. Plans of the river Lee from Hertford to Limehouse.

BUNDLE FOR 1823.

29. Whereas complaint has been made unto us two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said county, by Samuel Feast, of Aspeden, in the County of Hertford, Yeoman, one of the Surveyors of the Highways of the Parish of Aspeden, in the said county, that there is in the said county a certain common highway, leading from the town of Buntingford, to the village of Cottered, and that there is a certain part of the said highway, that is to say so much thereof as lies between a certain gate called Buttermilk Hall Gate, and the north-west corner of a certain field called Cottered Close, being in length 1551 yards, one side of which last mentioned part of the said highway adjoining to the parish of Aspeden, lies within the said parish of Aspeden, and is to be, and of right ought to be, repaired by the said parish of Aspeden, and that the other side of the same part of the said highway, adjoining to the parish of Throcking, lies within the parish of Throcking, and is to be, and of right ought to be repaired

by the said parish of Throcking; and stating that the repair of such part of the said highway is very inconvenient to the parishes aforesaid, and that the want thereof detrimental to the public, and therefore praying that such part of the said highway may be allotted and apportioned for the repair thereof by the Justices aforesaid, to the said several parishes of Aspeden and Throcking in the manner directed by the act 34 Geo. III., intituled an act for the more effectual repairing of such parts of the highways of this Kingdom as are to be repaired by two parishes; and whereas the surveyors of the highways of the said parish of Throcking, were duly summoned to appear before the Justices at the George Inn, at Buntingford, in the said county, on 10th March, 1823, to show cause why an allotment and apportionment of the highways therein mentioned, should not be made according to the provisions of the said Act; now we the Justices aforesaid, having fully heard and understood the premises, do declare, adjudge, and order that the said highway shall be divided in the following manner, that is to say, that at the distance of 805 yards, measuring from the gate called Buttermilk Hall Gate, there shall be erected certain posts or stones on each side of the said highway, and the whole of the said highway, from the gate called Buttermilk Hall Gate, to such posts or stones, shall at all times hereafter be repaired by the said parish of Throcking, and the whole of the said highway from such posts or stones to the north-west corner of the said field, called Cottered Close, shall at all times, hereafter be repaired by the said parish of Aspeden. Dated 10th March, 1823. (Plan annexed.)

208-11. Complaint of Mr. George Rust, one of the Churchwardens of the parish of Albury, who on his oath saith that Edmond Sworder, of Albury aforesaid, Farmer, did yesterday, December the twenty-fifth, being the day commonly called Christmas Day, disturb and disquiet the congregation assembled in the parish church of Albury aforesaid, by brawling and swearing in the church, whereupon he, the said George Rust, prayeth that the aforesaid Edmond Sworder may be dealt with according to law.

244. Indictment of Thomas Wells, labourer, for destroying game in Blakemore Wood, belonging to and in the occupation of Lord Cowper.

305. Letter dated Comptroller's Office, Whitehall, 18th June, "1823, from T. Drinkwater to Benjamin Rooke, Hertford. "Understanding that the original or a certified copy of "the public document, by which the lands enclosed some "years ago in the parish of Elstree, Herts, and denominated, "before such enclosure took place Boreham Wood Common, "were divided, are lodged in your office, I shall be obliged "by your informing me, at your leisure, directed as above, "whether the Deed of Partition of the land lodged with you "is accompanied by a plan and lands so divided. We "have a copy of the Deed of Partition amongst our parish "papers (for I am a resident occasionally in that parish) "but there is no plan with it, wanting which, we feel a "difficulty frequently in ascertaining some of the boundaries "which a plan would satisfactorily explain."

329. Inquisition, indented, taken for our Sovereign Lord the King at the house of William Hunt, known by the sign of the Golden Lion, in the hamlet of Hoddesdon, in the parish of Broxbourne, within the Liberty of our said Lord the King, in right of his Duchy of Lancaster, in the County of Hertford, on the body of William Coleman, by which it was found that the said William "died by the Visitation of God."

330. Similar documents, Inquisition on the body of John Skipp accidentally burned to death.

339-42. Four copies of a Plan of the river Lee from Hertford to Limehouse.

BUNDLE FOR 1824.

217. Report of two visiting magistrates that some trifling repairs are required to the House of Correction at Buntingford, which they have directed to be done, and that there are at present no prisoners therein.

218. The visiting Justices of the gaol and House of Correction at Hertford report as follows :—

"The plan proposed at the last Quarter Session for the separation of female from male debtors is now in progress, and will be finished without delay."

The visiting magistrates in order to meet the purposes and classifications of the Act, have directed the following alterations and additions, as shown upon the plan annexed, viz.: a wall to be raised across the debtors' yard, so as to form a division between Nos. 1 and 5, and a similar wall to be raised across the Felons' yard, so as to form a division between No. 3 and 4.

When these works are completed, and part of the roof of the gaol re-tiled, the gaol will be in good repair, and will consist of the following classifications, viz.:—No. 1. Male debtors and persons confined for contempt of court on civil process. 2. Male prisoners convicted of felony. 3. Male prisoners convicted of misdemeanours. 4. Male prisoners committed on charge or suspicion of felony. 5. Male prisoners committed on charge or suspicion of misdemeanours or for want of sureties. 6. Female debtors and persons confined for contempt of court on civil process. 7. Female prisoners convicted or committed on charge or suspicion of felony. 8. Female prisoners convicted or committed on charge or suspicion of misdemeanours or for want of sureties.

The House of Correction is in good repair, and contains the following classification, viz.: No. 1. Male prisoners convicted of felony. 2. Male prisoners convicted of misdemeanours. 3. Male prisoners committed on charge or suspicion of felony. 4. Male prisoners committed on charge or suspicion of misdemeanours or for want of sureties. 5. Vagrants. 6. Female prisoners convicted or committed on charge or suspicion of felony. 7. Female prisoners convicted or committed on charge or suspicion of misdemeanours.

There are now in the said gaol, including debtors, 16 males and 1 female, total 17; and in the House of Correction 49 males and 2 females, total 51; at this time last year there were in the gaol, including debtors, 16

males and 1 female, total 17; and in the House of Correction 42 males and 3 females, total 45.

The prisoners in the House of Correction continue to be employed at the mill, and have been as healthy as the others in the gaol, and the whole of the prisoners are healthy and orderly in their conduct.

A matron has been appointed of the name of Sarah Bentley, at a salary of £30 per annum.

220. Report of the state and condition of the house of correction at Great Berkhamsted.

The bridewell or house of correction at Great Berkhamsted is used chiefly as a place of confinement for persons under examination, or until they can be conveyed to Hertford either for trial or for punishment; it is situate in the middle of the town of Berkhamsted, and consists of a dwelling-house for the keeper (John Rogers) and four bedrooms upstairs. There are two wards connected by a passage, one used generally for male, and the other for female prisoners. The male ward is a room with boarded floor, 17 feet by 11, the sides and top plastered and white-washed, there is one window, not glazed, and no fireplace. The female ward is a room 18 feet by 12, corresponding with the other, both look into a small yard 24 by 12, surrounded by high walls. In the yard is a privy; both the wards and the dwelling-house are much in want of repair. There is a wooden bedstead in each ward, straw, and two blankets, there are no means of keeping prisoners separate so as to prevent communication by talking. The keeper considers the yard so insecure that prisoners are not allowed the use of it unless in the presence of the keeper, and there are no means of labour for the prisoners. Since the last report made as above by our direction, the roof of the building has been repaired.

230. Estimate of Mr. S. Andrews for repairs to Cow Bridge (see also 232/3).

236. Estimate of Mr. James Brown for repairs to the same bridge.

237. Letter from Thomas Daintry, Clerk to the Magistrates for the Hundred of Odsey, to the Clerk of the Peace. Royston April 21st, 1824.

Inclosed I transmit you a plan[1] of the road leading from the boundary of Rushden Parish, through Red Hill, lying between the Parishes of Wallington and Sandon, to the Baldock Road (called "The Royston District turnpike road") and also a copy of the complaint made by William Fordham, one of the Surveyors of the highways of the parish of Sandon, made to the Justices at their Petty Sessions, relative to the said highway, praying that such part of the said highway may be allotted and apportioned for the repair thereof by the Justices to the said parishes of Sandon and Wallington, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the 34th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Third. Also the summons subjoined to copy of the information, and the Justices final order and adjudication therein, in order that the same may be filed by you as Clerk of the Peace for the County of Hertford, among the records of the Sessions.

238. Letter from Mr. Thomas Daniell, of Great Berkhamsted, requesting that the Court may be informed that he attended personally at the office of the Duchy of Lancaster and examined the books, from which the enclosed certificate of the names of places in this county claimed to be within the jurisdiction of the Duchy, is extracted, and that it appears that Hoddesdon is really one of those places. (See also No. 264).

239. Letter from R. B. Bate, Mathematical Instrument Maker to His Majesty's Hon. Board of Excise, to the Clerk of the Peace, Hertford.

POULTRY, LONDON,
6th Sept., 1824.

"I have the honour to inform you that I am appointed, under authority of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury (in compliance with the Act of the

(1) The plan is not now with the Letter.

5th Geo. IV. c. 74 for establishing the uniformity of weights and measures) to make the original standards and models of measures of capacity and weight, to be deposited in the Exchequer, and to be issued by them; and as the Act requires that His Majesty's Justices of the Peace and Magistrates in England, Scotland, and Ireland, shall provide "for their respective Counties, Ridings or Divisions, Shires or Stewartries, Cities, Towns or Places, or Cities, or Royal Burghs," a model of each of the said standards. Should you think fit to favour me with your order, you may rely upon its being executed with all the requisite precision due to the introduction of measures of capacity entirely new and founded upon scientific data."

241. Similar letter from Mr. A. de Grave, of 59, St. Martin's-le-Grand, London, Scalemaker to His Majesty's Exchequer and Adjuster of Weights to the Corporation of the City of London.

244. Letter dated Hartford, 13th October, 1824, from S. Stoddart Quarter Master, Harts Militia, applying, by the authority of Colonel the Marquis of Salisbury, for a year's rent due for the hire of a house where the regimental stores of the Hertfordshire Regiment of Militia are deposited.

245. Letter dated Hitchin, 15th October, 1824, from D. Times to Benjamin Rooke, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, Hertford.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Welwyn turnpike road held this day (Lord Dacre in the chair), it was represented that the bridge at Broadwater passing across and under the road leading from thence to Sheephall, Aston, Bennington, &c., was in a very dilapidated state and required immediate repair, and the trustees being of opinion that it was a county bridge directed me to write to you on the subject, and to request that you would represent the matter to the justices at the ensuing quarter sessions that they may take the same into their consideration, and make such order as to them may seem proper and requisite. The surveyor of the road is the bearer of this, and will attend at the

quarter session to verify the above representation if you shall think it advisable for him to do so.

246. Letter from War Office to Clerk of the Peace, Hertford, 16th October, 1824.

Sir,—With reference to the order of sessions held at Hertford, the 12th of July, fixing the additional rates for the carriage of baggage, I am directed to acquaint you that the average price of hay and oats at the nearest market town at the time of fixing such additional rates is not specified in the order, as required by the 74th section of "The Mutiny Act" of the last session of Parliament, dated 23rd March, 1824. I am therefore further directed to desire that a corrected order containing the particulars required by the section referred to, may be forwarded to this office as soon as may be convenient.

264. Extract from a book in the office of the Duchy of Lancaster, entitled "Duchy Nomina Villarum," for the County of Hertford (see 238).

265. To move to file the accompanying order and certificate of stopping up and selling highways diverted in the parishes of Studham and Great Gaddesden.

266. To move to file the accompanying certificate, dated 12th October, 1824, of the sale of unnecessary roads stopped up in the parishes of Studham and Berkhamsted St. Peter.

271-3. Plans of the river Lee from Hertford to Limehouse.

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4. Writ to the Keeper of our Peace and Justices of the County of Hertford. "Whereas John Samuel Story, Gentleman, hath been duly nominated and appointed to the place and office of Clerk of the Peace for the said County, and ought by you to have been admitted and sworn into the said place and office. And whereas the said John Samuel Story, after such his nomination and appointment to the said place and office, did tender and present himself to you, the said keepers of our Peace and Justices, and did in due manner

require and demand of you to be admitted and sworn into the said place and office. Yet you well knowing the premises, but having no regard for the duty of your offices in that behalf, did without any reasonable cause absolutely refuse, and yet do absolutely refuse to admit and swear him, the said John Samuel Story, into the said place and office of Clerk of the Peace for the said County, in contempt of Us and to the great damage and grievance of the said John Samuel Story and to the manifest injury of his estate, as we have been informed by his complaint made to us. Whereupon he hath humbly besought us that a fit and speedy remedy may be applied in this respect, and we being willing that due and speedy justice should be done to the said John Samuel Story in this behalf as it is reasonable, do command you the said keepers of our Peace and Justices and every of you firmly injoining you that you do without delay administer or cause to be administered to the said John Samuel Story the oaths appointed by the statute passed in the first year of the reign of our royal predecessors, King William and Queen Mary, late King and Queen of England, to be taken by every Clerk of the Peace before he take upon himself the said office, and which are in such case usually administered and taken. And that you do admit or cause to be admitted the said John Samuel Story into the said place and office of Clerk of the Peace for the said County of Hertford. And that you do every act necessary to be done by you, or any of you, in order to the admission and swearing of the said John Samuel Story into the said place and office of Clerk of the Peace for the said county, together with all the liberties, privileges, and advantages to the said place and office belonging and appertaining, or that you show us cause to the contrary thereof lest by your default the same complaint should be repeated to us. And how you shall have executed our writ make known to us at Westminster on Wednesday next after fifteen days from the feast-day of Easter, then returning to us this our said Writ. Witness Sir Charles Abbott, Knight, at Westminster, the fourth day of February, in the sixth year of our reign.

By the Court. LUSHINGTON." (See also No. 226)

80. **Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of December, 1824, an order was signed by Thomas Dorrien, Esq., and Ebenezer John Collett, Esq., two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Hertford, for diverting and turning a certain part of a highway (one moiety whereof lyeth in the parish of Northchurch, in the County of Hertford, and the other moiety whereof lieth in the parish of Wigginton in the County of Hertford, and particularly described on the plan annexed to the said Order, leading from Northchurch aforesaid by Rossway in that parish towards Chesham in the County of Buckingham, lying between the north end of a certain lane, called Hag Dell Lane, in the parish of Wigginton, and the junction of the Hawridge and Chesham Roads at the foot of a hill next a close of Robert Sutton, Esquire, beyond Rossway aforesaid, for the length of 4 furlongs, 2 poles, 3 yards, or thereabouts; into a course proposed for the highway in lieu thereof of the length of 4 furlongs, 28 poles, and 2 yards, or thereabouts, particularly described in the said plan, commencing at the said north end of the said Hag Dell Lane, and proceeding along the present track thereof, for about 2 furlongs and 2 yards, to a certain close of the said Robert Sutton called Pond Moses, and through the said close and another close called Dell Moses, also the property of the said Robert Sutton, both lying in the said parish of Wigginton, for the length of about 1 furlong and 24 poles, into a certain old highway leading from Chesham to Hawridge, which leads into the first-mentioned highway at the spot to which it is intended to be diverted at the foot of the said hill. And that the said order will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the said County at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the said County on the 10th day of January next, and also that the said order will be at the said Quarter Sessions confirmed and enrolled, unless upon an appeal against the same to be then made it be otherwise determined.**

(Signed) Grover & Smith, Solicitors,
Hemel Hempstead.

(See also Nos. 37 and 227).

81. At the General Quarter Sessions held for the County of Hertford, at the town of Hertford, on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1825, Robert Taylor, Esquire, one of the Justices, upon his own view doth present that there is a certain common and ancient King's Highway, leading from Little Berkhamsted towards and unto Cheshunt, and that a certain part of the same highway, situate, lying, and being in the parish of Cheshunt, containing in length 15 yards and in breadth 25 feet, is very ruinous, deep broken, and in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Cheshunt ought to repair the same.

82. Order made at a Special Sessions held at Hatfield on the 11th March, 1825, that a certain public highway lying in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, of the length of 2,481 yards, or thereabouts, leading from a lane near Wither Mill, and thence along and between certain lands and grounds of the Marquis of Salisbury, through Morrill Hill brickground along and by a place called Popes, and thence to the corner of Popes Park, where it adjoins the lane leading from West End to Wild Hill, be stopped up and discontinued from the public use. (See also No. 336).

83. Plan of the above specified highway.

84-86. Order made at a Special Sessions held at Haresfoot on the 9th August, 1825, for stopping up as unnecessary a certain public footway in the parish of Berkhamsted Saint Peter, commencing at Brick Kiln Green, near King's Hill, within the said parish, and running in a westwardly direction through the lands of Thomas Dorrien, Esquire, until it enters the parish of Chesham, in the County of Buckingham, at or near Hockeridge Bottom, of the length of 814 yards or thereabouts. And also a certain other public footway in the said parish of Berkhamsted St. Peter and in the parish of Northchurch, commencing at Friday Street near Brick Kiln Green aforesaid, and leading in southwardly and westwardly directions in its present track through Haresfoot Park and the lands of the said Thomas Dorrien, Esquire, until it enters the said parish of Chesham at the south-western extremity of Haresfoot Park, of the length of 836 yards or thereabouts.

38. Plan of the above specified footways.

39. Order made at a Special Sessions held on the 29th August, 1825, for diverting and turning a certain footway in the parish of Broxbourne, lying between the White Bear Inn, and the Church of Broxbourne, for the length of 68 yards or thereabouts, into a new course of the length of 70 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 8 yards or thereabouts. And that an equal assessment, not exceeding the rate of sixpence in the pound be made upon the occupiers of lands, tenements, woods, tithes, and hereditaments in the parish of Broxbourne.

40. Plan of the above specified footway.

44. Order made at a Special Sessions held on 2nd December, 1825, for diverting and turning a certain public footway in the parish of Welwyn, leading from a place called Rabley Heath into the turnpike road at or near Welwyn, at the entrance into a paddock called Pease Close, and proceeding across the said field to the north corner of a certain other field called North Field, and so proceeding for the length of 1 mile 1 furlong and 66 yards. And for making a new footway in lieu thereof commencing at the north corner of Pease Close towards Mardley Heath, for the length of 1 mile, 1 furlong, and 106 yards or thereabouts.

45, 46. Order made at a Special Sessions held on the 9th December, 1825, that a certain bridle-way in the parish of North Mimms, commencing at the south-west corner of a field called Warren Field, and proceeding thence in an eastwardly direction through the said field into a field called Lodge Field, and proceeding in the same direction and ending at the eastern extremity of the same field, adjoining the public high road which leads from Welham Green in the said parish of North Mimms to Roe Stock and Bishop's Hatfield, and also to Colney Heath, and being of the length of 939 yards or thereabouts, be diverted and turned. And that a new bridleway be carried through the fields called Warren Field, Long Meadow, Home Meadow, and Lodge Field, and that the land and soil of the old bridleway be given to and vested in William Heygate, Esq., of North Mimms Place,

and his heirs, as a recompense for the land or ground to be appropriated for the said intended new bridleway. Consent of Mr. William Heygate to the same.

47. Plan of the above-mentioned bridle and footway.

48. Whereas information was given unto us, Henry Pepys and Henry Law, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, on 12 December, 1825, by Robert Freeman, one of the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Layston, in the said County, that there is in the said County a certain common highway leading from the town of Buntingford, in the said County, to the village of Sandon, in the said County, and that there is a certain part of the said highway, that is to say, so much thereof as lies between the gate of a certain field called Twelve Acres, in the occu-occupation of John Monk, and the ingress of the water-course to the said highway of a certain other field, called Trundell Mead, in the occupation of the said John Monk, being in length 616 yards, one side of which last-mentioned part of the said highway adjoining to the parish of Throcking, in the said County, lies within the said parish of Throcking, and is to be, and of right, ought to be, repaired by the said parish of Throcking, and that the other side of the said highway, adjoining to the parish of Layston in the said County, lies within the said parish of Layston, and is to be, and ought of right to be, repaired by the said parish of Layston, and stating that the repair of such part of the said highway is very inconvenient to the parishes aforesaid, and the want thereof detrimental to the public, and therefore praying that such part of the said highway may be allotted and apportioned for the repair thereof, by the Justices aforesaid, to the several parishes of Throcking and Layston in the manner directed by the Act 34 Geo. III. intituled "An Act for the more effectually repairing such part of the highways of this Kingdom as are to be repaired by two parishes. And whereas the surveyors of the highways of the said parish of Throcking were duly summoned to appear before the said Justices at the George Inn, at Buntingford, on 26 December, 1825, to show cause

why an allotment and apportionment of the highways therein mentioned should not be made according to the provisions of the said Act. And the said parties being now present and consenting thereto, we, the Justices aforesaid, having fully heard and understood the premises, do declare, adjudge, and order that such part of the said highway shall be divided in the following manner, that is to say, that at the distance of 319 yards, measuring from the gate of the said field called Twelve Acres, there shall be erected certain posts or stones on each side of the said highway, and the whole of the said highway from the said gate to such posts or stones shall be from time to time, and at all times hereafter, repaired by the said parish of Layston, and the whole of the said highway from the said field called Trundell Mead, shall, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be repaired by the said parish of Throcking. 26th December, 1826.

49. Plan of the above-mentioned lane.

50. Plan of the River Lee from Hertford to Limehouse.

51, 52. Notice of appeal by one John Owen against a rate or assessment of 4*d.* in the £ for the alleged necessary repairs of the highways within and belonging to the Parish of Cheshunt. (See also No. 228 and 526.)

53. Notice of appeal by one John Morris against a poor rate of 1*s.* in the £ in the parish of Brent Pelham.

343. Indictment of Ann Hudson, wife of Abraham Hudson, of Ware, bargeowner, for unlawfully, willingly, and on purpose maliciously, contemptuously coming into the parish church of Ware on 13th March, 1825, and, during the celebration of divine service, disquiet and disturb one John Jones, gentleman, and the congregation then assembled for the purpose of religious worship, to the contempt of our holy religion, and to the evil example of all others.

398. Presentment that there is a certain common and ancient King's highway, leading from the village of Anstey and unto the town of Buntingford, and that a certain part of the same highway, situate and lying in the said parish of

Anstey, leading from the village of Hare Street unto the village of Barkway, and extending westward to the boundary of the said parish of Anstey, containing in length 600 yards, and in breadth three yards, is very ruinous, foundrous, deep broken, and in great decay, and that the inhabitants of the said parish of Anstey ought to repair and amend the same, when and so often as it shall be necessary.

399. Indictment of Charles Dorrington, late of the parish of Digswell, yeoman, and William Pennyfather, late of the parish of Digswell, yeoman, for unlawfully procuring a marriage between Henry Lathen, of the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, and Susannah Ewington, of the parish of Digswell, both paupers, with intent to defraud the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, and relieve the parish of Digswell.

486. Certificate dated 8th July, 1825, of the commissioners appointed to inspect all houses in the County of Hertford for the reception of lunatics, that they have visited the house of Mrs. Jacobs, at Hadham, and that the said house appears to be conducted properly, and pursuant to the Act of Parliament in that case made and provided.

491. Estimate for the repair of the bridge over the river which divides the Counties of Hertford and Essex, between Waltham Abbey and Waltham Cross; and also for repairing a small bridge in the same line of road, which is in a very dilapidated state.

492. Letter dated 8th April, 1825, from James Jaques, of Bushey Heath, stating that he has neither freehold nor copyhold, but that the premises he has built on he holds on lease only.

494. Letter, dated Aldenham, — August, 1825, from W. R. Phillimore, Lord of the Manor of Silhurst and Kendalls, and others, to the Magistrates:—

> We take the liberty of addressing you on the subject of Medburn Bridge, which is on the road between Elstree and Radlet, and was built in the year 1769 at the joint expense of the late Mr. Phillimore, then Lord of the Manor of Kendalls, and the late Mr. Neate, then Lord of the Manor of Aldenham, who erected it in a great

measure for their own convenience, the road being occasionally much over-flowed, and there being previously as we are informed, a mere hand-rail bridge for foot passengers. Until lately there has been but little traffic over this bridge, comparatively speaking, and it has been repaired by the owners for the time being of the above-mentioned manors. But the greatly increased use of the road of late years by heavy wagons and stages, as well as for posting, has rendered the bridge dangerous, particularly since the formation of the reservoir on Aldenham Common, which produces an increased current of water, particularly in winter, to such an extent that the arches, which were not constructed to meet it, are not of sufficient size and strength to sustain it, and the bridge is consequently extremely unsafe, unless constantly attended to.

Under these circumstances, and in order that we may not be blamed if any serious accident should occur, we beg to submit the case to your consideration, trusting that you will think it right that the County should in future take upon itself the care and maintenance of this bridge.

We beg to add that there are several old people in the neighbourhood who remember the spot when there was no other than the footbridge before spoken of.

496. Letter, dated Wades Mill, October 15th, 1825, from David Giles, Sampson Hanbury, and John Henry Judson, to Mr. Green, Clerk of the Cheshunt Trust :—

We, the undersigned, being three of the Committee appointed by the Justices of the Cheshunt Turnpike Trust to attend to the erection of the new bridge, think it fit, as the bridge is now arched over, and a very large sum has been already advanced to the contractors by the Trust, that you should write to the Clerk of the Peace, and require him to submit to the Magistrates assembled at the next General Quarter Sessions, that it is the wish of the Trust that such proportion of the sum of £1000, voted by the County, as they may think it expedient to advance, should be paid to the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, the Treasurer of the Cheshunt Trust.

519. Certificate given by Astley Paston Cooper that he has an estate sufficient to qualify him to act as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Hertford, according to the true intent and meaning of an Act of Parliament, 18 Geo. II., and that the same estate is situate in the parish of Hemel Hempsted.

529. The Magistrates appointed to visit and inspect the County Gaol and House of Correction at Hertford report that the said Gaol and House of Correction are in good repair, that the prisoners therein have been in good health, one person only, afflicted with small-pox, having been placed in the Infirmary. That there are 41 prisoners in the Gaol, and 81 in the House of Correction. That no instance has occurred of bodily inconvenience or illness in any of the prisoners from the use of the treadmill.

530. The Justices appointed to visit and inspect the County Gaol and House of Correction at Hertford report that the buildings generally are in good repair, that the roof of the Gaol and such other parts as were directed at the last session to be repaired, have been put in good repair, and the other alterations then ordered have been completed. That there are now in the Gaol 20 males and three females, and eight debtors; in the House of Correction, 42 males and four females.

531. The Magistrates appointed to visit and inspect the County Gaol and House of Correction at Hertford, do report that the buildings generally are in good repair, but there are some parts of the roof of the Gaol and the Chapel which require to be soon repaired, and the outer walls and some of the inner ones require repairing and pointing in the upper part of them. The Magistrates recommend to the Court to direct a door of communication to be made between the yard of the Borough Gaol and the men's yard in the House of Correction to prevent the necessity of conducting the male prisoners occasionally confined in the Borough Gaol through the women's yard to the Chapel. They also recommend the enlargement of one of the day rooms in the gaol, by making a communication with a cell adjoining, which can be very well spared for that purpose.

532. The Magistrates appointed to visit and inspect the County Gaol and House of Correction at Hertford do report the same in good repair. An attempt to escape was made by four convicts under sentence of transportation for life, they have since been removed in execution of their sentence. The works and alterations reported at the last Sessions as being in progress are now completed, and the whole of the sub-divisions, new rooms and alterations, ordered by the Court are now finished.

534. Public Notice, dated 11th March, 1825, that an Order has been made for stopping-up a certain public highway in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield. (See also No. 32.)

535. Copies of portions of the "County Chronicle" of various dates, in the year 1825, containing advertisements and notices respecting the stopping-up, turning, and diverting of highways and footways.

BUNDLE FOR 1826.

49. Presentment that from the time whereof the memory of man is not there was, and yet is, a certain common and ancient King's highway leading from the town of Tring, in the County of Hertford, unto the market town of Chesham, in the County of Buckingham, which is now very ruinous, deep, broken, and in great decay for want of reparation and amendment, so that the King's subjects cannot travel that way. The inhabitants of Tring ought to repair and amend the said way. 9th January.

51. Notice that the order for widening and stopping up a certain footway between Willian and Baldock, in the County of Hertford, will be confirmed and enrolled, unless an appeal against the same be made or otherwise determined. 26th August.

52. Notice that on the 5th of June last, an order was signed for diverting and turning a certain part of the old highway leading from Aldbury to Ivinghoe, within the parish of Aldbury, and that the said order will be confirmed and en-

rolled at the next Quarter Sessions, unless an appeal be made against it or otherwise determined. 10th July.

53. Consent by Harriet Gordon, widow, of Stocks, in the parish of Aldbury (being the owner of lands described in annexed plan,* through which a certain highway, lying between Aldbury and Ivinghoe, is intended to be diverted and turned) that in consideration of the old highway being exchanged and vested in her, the said Harriet Gordon, to the making and continuing of the new public highway. 2nd June.

54. Order for the diverting and turning of the said highway accordingly. 5th June.

55. Order for the stopping up of the old highway, referred to in No. 53. Nov. 1st.

56. Order for the widening and enlarging of highway between Willian and Baldock. 26th August.

57. Plan of proposed new footpath in the parish of Essendon. see 60.

58. Plan of proposed new footpath leading from the North Road near Welwyn, to Great Sloe Field.

59. Plan of roads in the parish of Willian.

60. Order by two magistrates that a certain public footpath in the parishes of Bishop's Hatfield and Essendon may be turned and diverted. The said footpath lies between the King's highway in a certain lane called Kentish Lane, leading from Barnet to Essendon, and a certain field called Friday Field, in the parish of Essendon, commencing at the north-west corner of a field called Warren, in Hatfield, and proceeding in a south-east direction through Warren Wood, through and over a field called Wood Warren, into a certain field called Sheep Field, and ending at the eastern extremity of the same field at a certain gate called Friday Field Gate, all the property of the Earl of Rosebery. 27th February. See No. 57.

62. Archibald John, Earl of Rosebery, owner of the lands through which a certain footpath passes, in the parishes of

* Plan not with this document.

Essendon and Bishop's Hatfield, now proposed to be diverted and turned, gives consent and agrees to the making of the new footway in consideration of the old footway being vested in him, and agrees well and effectively to make the said new footpath.

(Signed) ROSEBERY. 16th January.

242 & 243. Depositions concerning the affixing of notices regarding the turning, diverting, and stopping up of the public bridleway, in the parish of North Mimms, leading from Willian Green to Bishop's Hatfield and Colney Hatch. 9th January.

335. Deposition concerning the notices of a Special Sessions to be holden at the White Horse Inn, at Baldock, on 25th August, 1826, for the purpose of signing an order to widen and enlarge portions of a certain public highway, and to stop up as useless and unnecessary the greater part of another highway, both in the parish of Willian, in the said County of Hertford. Deponent states that notices were posted in the Parish Church, and advertisements inserted in the County papers. 16th October.

336. Deposition that two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace subscribed their names to a certificate that they had viewed and inspected a certain common King's highway, for the not repairing of which the inhabitants of Tring stood presented, and that the said inhabitants have now repaired the said way satisfactorily. 16th October.

428. Certificate that the bridleway within the parish of North Mymms has been diverted, and that the new bridleway is completed and in good condition and repair. 27th March.

429. Certificate that certain Justices of the Peace have viewed the several public footways to be turned and stopped, under order dated 2nd December last. First the old footway within the parish of Welwyn, in the said county, leading from Rabley Heath into the turnpike road, at or near a certain gate near Welwyn, aforesaid, at the entrance to the paddock or enclosed grounds of William Blake, for the length of 1 mile, 1 furlong, and 66 yards. The new footway is now fit for the reception of travellers. 31st March.

442. Certificate that part of a certain King's common highway leading from the town of Tring to the town of Chesham, in the County of Buckingham, situate in the parish of Tring, commencing near or at an oak tree at Hastoe Cross, is now in a good state of repair. 22nd September.

443. Certificate from the Chaplain of the gaol and house of correction, at Hertford, that the duties prescribed have been performed. That the prisoners have been well conducted, and have invariably attended Divine Service unless prevented by illness. 29th September.

447. Certificate that prisoners in the county gaol and house of correction are healthy, with the exception of three, whose disorders are not infectious. There have been 35 cases of illness in the year, but never more than six or seven at a time. Two men have died. October 9th.

456. Petition from the minister, W. B. Knight, and trustee, G. Perram, to the Magistrates of the County of Hertford, asking that a certain building and premises in the hamlet of Hoddesdon, in the parish of Broxbourn, may be registered as a chapel and burying ground, to be used by a congregation of Protestant Dissenters of the Independent Denomination, according to provision of Act 52 George III. The chapel and burying ground in question have been used by the congregation referred to for several years, but a doubt has arisen whether they were ever registered. October 16th.

497. Result of an enquiry regarding the maintenance of Medburn bridge. The bridge in question is neither a bridge by prescription or by tenure. It was built in 1769 when there was little traffic on the road which it crosses, and previously to that date there was only a footbridge, and carriages, cattle, etc., passed through the water. It is not ascertained at whose expense or by whose order the bridge was constructed, but there is reason to believe that it was so built by the Lords of the Manors of Kendalls and Aldenham, or one of them, for their own convenience. The bridge has since been adopted by the public, and a stage coach now passes and re-passes over it daily, and the road has otherwise become one of considerable traffic and importance. The

bridge is ascertained to be partly in the County of Hertford and partly in the Liberty of St. Albans. 1st Jan., 1826.

499. Letter from Jacob H. Busk to J. A. Jessopp regarding the joint construction of a bridge by two parishes. The letter is written from "Ponsbourne," situated in one of the two parishes referred to. 29th June, 1826.

538. Licence to Mary Monro, of Much Hadham, in the County of Hertford, spinster, to keep a good and orderly house for the reception of Lunatic patients, pursuant to the statute in that case made and provided. Thomas Samuel Mott, of Much Hadham, Gentleman, is surety for the good behaviour of the said Mary Monro, in the sum of £100. April 8th.

544. Indenture of apprenticeship of Thomas Fletcher, son of Joseph Fletcher, of Gaddesden Row, in the County of Hertford, to Samuel Bingham, of the Parish of Flamstead, to learn the art, mystery, trade, or occupation of a blacksmith. 17th July.

545. Certificate that Hitchin Bridewell is now undergoing a thorough repair in pursuance of the order of the Midsummer Sessions. The walls are raised and the cells are to be strengthened. It is hoped that these works when complete will ensure the safe custody of prisoners. Michaelmas 1826.

546. Certificate that the House of Correction at Berkhampstead St. Peter's is now under repair by order of the Court of Quarter Sessions. 12th October.

547. Return of the state of the Bridewell at Great Berkhampstead, in the county of Hertford. This house is situate in the middle of the town of Great Berkhampstead, and consists of a dwelling-room for the keeper and four bedrooms upstairs; one ward for the men and one ward for the women, and a yard, walled about 14 feet high. There is a dungeon or small cellar, but it is never used.

Dimensions are as follows: —

	Length.	Breadth.	Height.
Men's Ward	17 feet	11 feet	14 feet (sloping roof)
Women's Ward	18 feet	12 feet	7½ feet
Yard	23 feet	18 feet	14 feet (wall)

The dungeon is about 9 feet irregular and underground.

The keeper considers the yard so insecure that prisoners are not allowed to use it, except in his presence. The air is very offensive on going into it, and there is but one privy for both males and females, and also for the keeper's family. This is in the yard, and the keeper or his wife are obliged to attend when any prisoner has occasion to go into the yard. There is no outer window or opening in any part of the walls of the apartments or yard by which it can be ventilated. Particulars of want of ventilation are given, and the medical attendant considers that the air is so impure that if prisoners were confined here for any length of time it would produce disease.

The house is used chiefly as a place of confinement for persons under examination or until they can be conveyed to Hertford for trial or punishment. There are no means of employing or keeping the prisoners separate, so as to prevent communication by talking. The premises are not in a state of repair fit for a House of Correction. These matters have before been reported upon by Magistrates in April and October of last year, and the present Magistrates represent that the Bridewell is quite unfit for a House of Correction, there being no means of punishment in the shape of hard labour, and they can only use it as a place of detention previous to a final commitment. Quarter Sessions.'

548. Report of Magistrates that the buildings of the County Gaol and House of Correction at Hertford are in good repair, and that the prisoners are healthy and orderly. January 2nd.

549. Report as above. 27th March.

550. Report as above. 30th June.

551. Report as above. 9th October.

559. Indictment of William Brown, late of the parish of King's Langley, an idle and disorderly person, who entered into a certain wood, commonly called Little Gaddesden Hoo, in the parish of Little Gaddesden, in the occupation of John, Earl Brownlow, Edward, Viscount Clive, and Sir Charles Long, Kt., with intent to destroy game, and armed with a bludgeon and other offensive weapons. 10th July.

552. Printed notice of the order to divert, turn, and stop up a certain public bridleway in the parish of North Mymms. 9th December.

553. Printed notice of order to divert, turn, and stop up a certain footway leading from Rabley Heath, in the parish of Welwyn, to the turnpike road at or near a certain gate near Welwyn. 3rd December.

Printed notices from County papers regarding stopping-up of footpaths, etc.

BUNDLE FOR 1827.

48. Order for stopping-up and selling a certain public highway in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield. The said highway leads out of a lane or highway called Green Street along and between certain lands belonging to the Marquess of Salisbury, to the north-western-most point of a certain close of land called Little Clarks, and thence in a north-easterly direction along and between the same close and another close called Stoney Field to the boundary line or extremity of the parish of Essendon. The said unnecessary highway is valued at 5*l.* The Marquess of Salisbury, the only owner of the lands through which or along which the said public highway runs, consents to the stopping-up and discontinuing of it, and it is hereby ordered that the said highway be disposed of to the said Marquess of Salisbury for the sum of 5*l.*, which sum is to be paid to the Surveyors of Highways in the same parish, to be applied to the general repair of highways and bridlepaths in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield. 5th December.

49. Consent of the Marquess of Salisbury to the stopping-up of a highway in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, and agreement to purchase the said public highway for the sum of 5*l.* Signed, "Gascoyne Salisbury." 5th December.

50. Plan of a road situate near Popes in the parish of Hatfield, in the County of Hertford. See Nos. 48, 49.

424. Declaration by John Ramsay, Inspector of Corn Returns for the town of Hertford, that he will make due and true returns to the Comptroller of Corn Returns appointed by

virtue of an Act of Parliament passed 8 George IV., entitled "An Act to make provision for ascertaining from time to time the average prices of British Corn," of the quantities and prices of British Corn in the said town of Hertford according to the accounts to be delivered to him in pursuance of the said Act, and that he will in all things, to the best of his skill and judgment, conform himself to the directions of the said Act. 3rd November.

548. Report by Thomas Lloyd, chaplain of the Gaol and House of Correction that the duties prescribed have been regularly performed from the 24th day of June (the date of his appointment) to the 29th of September, and that he has every reason to be satisfied with the behaviour of prisoners, who have been invariably grateful for advice, and decorous in their conduct in chapel. 1st October.

657. Valuation of the parish of Brent Pelham in the County of Hertford, made for the purpose of equalizing the Poor Rate. Rate, 1*s.* in the pound. Total rates, 55*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* April 20th.

625. The Bridewell at Hitchin has undergone a thorough repair, and is now in a state to ensure the safe custody of prisoners, Michaelmas.

624. Order for an additional food allowance for the House of Correction at Hertford. Michaelmas.

622. Certificate from Commissioners and attendant Physician that they have visited the house of Mary Monro, at Hadham, licensed for the reception of lunatics, and find it well conducted and regulated. 9th July.

621. Certificate that the prisoners in the House of Correction have not been so healthy as usual this quarter, and have required additional allowances of food to support their strength and to enable them to work. There are 43 males in the gaol, and three females. In the House of Correction there are 32 males and three females, and 28 men at the mill. July 2nd.

620. Report that the buildings of the County Gaol are in good repair, and are kept clean and in good order. The prisoners are in good health, and except on one occasion have been

orderly. There are 61 males and three females in the gaol, of whom 40 men are at work on the mill. January 1st.

BUNDLE FOR 1828.

22. Notice of Special Sessions for June 7th, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of turning, diverting, and stopping-up a certain Public footway lying between West End Green, and the road leading from Broxbourn to Little Berkhampstead, in the parish of Wormley and Broxbourne, and if the majority of Justices consider that the said road may with advantage be turned, diverted, and stopped, of making an order to that effect. 31st May.

36. Notice of Special Sessions for the Highways to be held at the house known as the Green Dragon, Cheshunt, on 1st December. 17th November.

42. Notice of order for stopping-up Half Acre Footpath. 11th March.

43. Order for stopping-up Road above mentioned (sec. 42) the lands and soil of the Footway to be sold by the Surveyor duly appointed to Samuel Adams if he be willing to purchase, if not to some other person or persons for its full value, reserving to the said Samuel Adams a free passage for persons, horses, cattle, and carriages through the lands and soil of the said first mentioned Footway. Proceeds to be paid to the Surveyor and applied towards the general repairs of Highways and Bridleways in the Parish of Ware. 11th March.

44. Plan of roads and Half Acre Footpath in the parish of Ware.

45. Reciting order No. 43, and directing that a new public Footway shall be constructed through the lands of Samuel Adams, to be exchanged with him for the old one. 2nd September.

46. Plan of the footpath in lieu of part of the Half Acre Path set out under the sanction of W. Lushington, Esquire, and by the consent of parties. 12th January.

48. Consent of Samuel Adams, in consideration of the old public footway being exchanged and vested in him, that the old public footway may be turned, diverted, and stopped-up. 2nd September.

50. Consent of Capt. George Welstead, of Wormley West End, in the parish of Wormley, in the County of Hertford—owner of lands through which runs part of a certain public footway, lying between West End Green and White Stub, or Whitstable Lane, leading from Little Berkhampstead to Broxbourn, in the parishes of Wormley and Broxbourn—to the making and continuing of the new footway being exchanged and vested in him. Plan attached. 29th March.

51. Order for above with plan attached.

52. Presentment of Henry Morice, Clerk and Justice of the Peace, that from the time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary, there was and yet is a certain common and ancient King's Highway leading from the town of Ashwell towards and unto the town of Hertford, and that a certain portion of the said highway situate in the Parish of Sandon, beginning at its junction with the turnpike road leading from Baldock to Royston, at a place called Sandon Cut, and so continued to the market town of Hertford, has been and yet is very ruinous, deep, broken, and in great decay for want of due reparation and amendment, so that the King's subjects cannot go, return, or pass that way. The inhabitants of the parish of Sandon ought to repair the road when and so often as it shall be necessary. 13th October.

53. Resolution that a report should be made upon the condition of the bridge at Standon, and that the Magistrates of the Liberty of Saint Albans be applied to to take such steps as they shall deem necessary to repair Colney bridge, and that the County will bear its proportion of the cost of the said repairs.

54. Order that the Treasurer do pay one hundred and fifty pounds upon account of the re-building of Medham bridge.

56. Appeal by the Churchwardens of Layston against the determination of the boundaries of the parish of Anstey against the parishes of Widdial and Layston.

59. Notice of Highways Session to be held at the sign of the Green Dragon, on December 1st to view a certain public footway (proposed to be diverted and turned in the parish of Cheshunt), leading from the corner of Theobalds Lane towards Waltham Cross, to the length of three hundred and eighty-six feet, and passing over the waste land of Sir George Beeston Prescott, Baronet, Lord of the Manor of Cheshunt. 17th November.

60. Plan of the above and order for turning and diverting to the better accommodation of the public.

113. Recognizance referring to County of Essex taken before Thomas Gutterson.

184. Recognizance referring to City of London, taken before M. P. Lucas, Mayor, at the Guildhall. 23rd May.

299. Deposition concerning the notices and advertisement published referring to the stopping-up of the Half Acre Footpath. Easter Sessions.

314. Deposition of James Payne, of King's Langley, that as he was standing on the towing path of the canal in the parish of King's Langley, taking care of his father's horse, he saw two prisoners throw something into the river or canal (they had before been mixing it in their hands, and it looked like pitch). Half an hour later the deponent observed the fish swimming round the top of water where the stuff had been thrown, and he observed the prisoners taking the fish out of the water with their hands. After they had gone deponent stopped and picked up thirty-seven fish out of the water, and left some which he could not reach. 29th May. (See below, No. 442).

425. Indictment of Ephraim Barnett for entering with force and arms a close in the occupation of John Woodman, in the parish of Aldbury; also for entering certain woods called Old Cops and Scrubbs in the same parish. 14th November.

442. Indictment of certain persons for unlawfully and maliciously putting a large quantity, to wit, one bushel of a certain noxious material, to the jurors unknown, into a certain water with intent to destroy fish. 14th July. (See above, No. 314).

481. Indictment of William Venables, of Ware, for disturbing and breaking the public peace in the said town of Ware, by whooping, holloaing, and cursing in the public streets during the hours of keeping the watch at night, and for assaulting James Porter, watchman and peace officer, who "did gently lay his hands on the said Venables to take him into custody." 12th January.

484. Indictment of Joseph Godfrey, of the parish of Tewin, for unlawfully taking game in a wood called Herns Wood, the property of the Right Honourable Peter Leopold Louis Francis Nassau Clavering, Earl Cowper; also in other lands that is to say, fields called Wood Field and Hern Field, in the same parish. Easter Sessions.

495. Indictment of William Mumford, of the parish of Widford, butcher, for coming into the Parish Church of Widford in the time of Divine Service, and talking in a loud voice to one John Morrell and by calling out in a loud voice to one Matthew Dawson Duffield, being the officiating Minister, lawfully appointed, then and there reading the Lord's Prayer and other parts of the Lithurgy (*sic*), to the great hindrance and disturbance of Divine Service, and to the evil example of all others. Sentence: To pay a fine of £20 to the King, and to be imprisoned in the gaol of the said County until such fine be paid. 12th January.

522. Certificate that new footpath called White Stubb or Whitstable Lane is now completed and in good condition. 7th June.

532. Certificate that the Half Acre Footpath is fit for the use of the public. 30th December.

587. Petition of the inhabitants of Standon representing that the state of the road on the western side of Standon bridge, in times of flood, which frequently occur, is such that it is wholly impassable. If one additional arch were added to the bridge, it is the opinion of petitioners that the evil would in great measure be remedied. October 8th.

589. Letter from S. Hanbury, stating that an alteration in the bridge at Standon is sadly needed, and that he is ready to

attest, if necessary, that he very nearly lost his life there. 13th October.

623. Report of Commissioners who visited the Lunatic Asylum at Hadham and inspected the patients. Among the names of patients admitted under Commission in Chancery is that of Lord F. Townshend. June 30th.

626. Report of the Justices that the county gaol premises are in good repair, and that the prisoners are more than usually numerous this quarter. 14th January.

628. Report of the Justices that the gaol chapel is much improved by alterations made. Some instances of debility among prisoners are evident, and there is a tendency to serious illness in cases of long confinement. The surgeon suggested alterations in diet which have produced the desired effect. 14th July.

633. Printed notice of closing a highway in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield. 7th December.

634 & 636. Notice that certain persons, inhabitants of Ware, are injured and aggrieved by the order to stop up and sell the Half Acre footpath, and intend to appeal at the General Quarter Sessions, 14th April next.

635. Printed notice of order for diverting White Stubb Lane. 7th June.

637. County newspapers with various advertisements *re* footpaths and highways.

BUNDLE FOR 1829.

34. Order for the diverting and turning of part of a highway in the parish of Great Gaddesden, leading from Water End Moor in the said parish of Great Gaddesden, towards Nettleden, in the parishes of Ivinghoe and Pitstone, in the county of Buckingham, commencing at the western extremity of the said Moor at Water End, and running in a northwestwardly and northwardly direction, and terminating at or near a spot in the said highway, where the boundary line between the said counties of Hertford and Buckingham

falls into the said highway. The new highway which has been viewed will run through certain closes of The Right Honorable Charlotte Catherine Anne, Countess of Bridgewater, called Moor Field, Squires Field, New Barn Field, Handpost Field, and Horseley's Meadow. Evidence has been received of the consent of the Countess of Bridgewater. 9th May.

35. Plan of above road.

36. Consent of the Countess of Bridgewater, to the making and continuing of a new public highway through her lands, on consideration of the old highway being sold to or exchanged and vested in her. 8th May.

37. Notice that unless an appeal be made or otherwise determined, the order for the making of new public footway through the lands of the Countess of Bridgewater, will be enrolled. 9th May.

39. Certificate that the above new road is now completed, and order for the said old highway to be stopped up, and the land and soil sold by the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Great Gaddesden to the Countess of Bridgewater, if she be willing to purchase it, and if not to some other persons who will; the monies to arise therefrom be appropriated to such purposes as are directed or referred to by the Act of Parliament. 18th July.

41. Consent of the Countess of Bridgewater to the making and continuing of the highway through her lands in the Parish of Aldbury, lying between Tring and Aldbury, on consideration of the old highway being sold or exchanged and vested in the said Countess of Bridgewater. 8th May.

42. Order for the diverting and turning of part of a certain public highway in the parish of Aldbury, leading from Aldbury to Tring, commencing at or near a certain pond by the side of the said highway and adjoining a meadow of the Countess of Bridgewater, in the occupation of John How, called the Dovehouse Orchard and running in a northwardly and westwardly direction, and terminating at or near a certain stile on the south side of the said highway across a public foot-

path, there leading through a close belonging to the said Countess of Bridgewater, and in the occupation of the said John How, called Bury Field. Evidence of the consent of the Countess of Bridgewater. 9th May.

44. Notice of enrolment of above order unless an appeal against it be made.

45. Plan of the above road.

46. Certificate that the Aldbury new high road is completed, and order for the land to be sold to the Countess of Bridgewater if she be willing to purchase.

48. Consent of Charles Bridgeman, Thomas Bridgeman, Richard Bridgeman, and Henry Bridgeman, all of the town of Hertford, to the diverting and turning of a public highway, lying and being near to a certain mill called the Horns Mill, in the Liberty of Brickendon, in consideration of the sum of 50*l.* already paid by John George Fordham, for the said soil of the said new public highway, and also for so much of the ground being their property as lies between the said road and the new road, and also to the making and continuing such new public way through their said lands the said piece of ground to be for ever the property of the said John George Fordham and his heirs. 9th June.

49. Plan of road at Horns Mill.

50. Ann Dimsdale consents to the above (see 48) in consideration of 20*l.* paid her. 9th June.

51. Note of enrolment of order for stopping up the Horns Mill road unless an appeal be made against it.

52. Order for the diverting and turning of the new public highway through the lands of the above-mentioned persons. 13th June.

53. Certificate of the completion of a new highway in lieu of part of a certain highway in the parish of Berkhampstead St. Peter, called Much Lane, commencing at the southern extremity of Friethsden Green, and proceeding in a south-eastwardly direction between certain enclosures belonging to the Earl of Bridgewater, since deceased, but now belong-

ing to the Trustees of his last Will, in the occupation of Francis Goodman, to the lower end of an inclosure belonging to and in the occupation of the Trustees of Friethsden Meeting House, of the length of 180 yards, and another part of the said highway called Much Lane in the parish of Berkhampstead St. Peter commencing at a certain spot in the old road leading from Friethsden to Potten End, between old enclosures late belonging to the said Earl of Bridgewater but now to the said Trustees, in the occupation of Francis Goodman, and proceeding in a south-eastwardly direction until it enters the old road called Eastlands Lane recently stopped up, leading from Potten End to the handpost near Nettleden, of the length of one hundred and sixty-seven yards or thereabouts.

The course of the new highway in lieu of the two last-mentioned highways, commences at or near the above-mentioned extremity of Friethsden, and proceeding in a southwardly direction across certain enclosures, late belonging to the said Earl of Bridgewater, but now to the said Trustees in the occupation of Francis Goodman, to the lower end of an enclosure belonging to, and in the occupation of the Trustees of the said meeting house, and proceeding along the old road called Much Lane, crossing enclosures late belonging to the said Earl of Bridgewater but now to the said Trustees, in the occupation of Francis Goodman, and the old road leading from Potten End to the handpost near Nettleden, till it enters on Berkhampstead Common, in the parish of Great Gaddesden, and joins the new road leading from Water End to Berkhampstead, opposite a cottage late belonging to and in the occupation of Jesse Ivory, the whole being of the length of 1,038 yards or thereabouts. The lands and soil of the old highway to be sold by the Surveyors to Earl Brownlow, Viscount Clive, Lord Farnborough (Trustees of the last Will and Testament of the late Earl of Bridgewater) if they be willing to purchase or if not to some other person or persons. 16th October.

55. Order for the turning, diverting, and stopping up of a certain public highway called Kentish Lane, leading from the village of Essendon and communicating with the north road between

Hatfield and Barnet, and lying in the Parish of Bishop's Hatfield, commencing at the north end thereof at a white gate, being the south entrance to the residence of the Earl of Rosebery, and ending at a corner of a road or lane leading to a Farm called Barber's Lodge, and passing through and between the lands on both sides thereof as far as Woodfield Lane, which turns out of the said public highway called Kentish Lane, belonging to William Franks, Esquire, and thence to the point turning and leading to the said Farm called Barbers Lodge, through and between lands on the east side thereof belonging to the Marquess of Salisbury, and on the west side thereof to the said William Franks. The new footpath to be made in lieu of above is more commodious to the public, and leads out of and from the same old public highway on the east side thereof, in a south eastwardly direction through North Field, the property of William Franks, Esquire, into Barn Field, also the property of the said William Franks, across Woodfield Lane and through Whitegate Field, the property of the Marquess of Salisbury, until the same course falls into Kentish Lane at the corner of the said lane leading to Barbers Lodge. 10th December.

55. Plan of above road annexed.

56. Consent of Marquess of Salisbury, to the making and continuing of the above in consideration the sum of 5*l*. 10th December.

57. Consent of William Franks to above new way on consideration of the old highway, being sold, exchanged, and vested in him. 10th December.

58. Order for the diverting, turning and stopping of a public footpath in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, leading from and out of a public footpath called the Hertford Road, which runs from the town of Hertford to the town of Bishop's Hatfield, and commencing at a ladder stile at the north-east end of Park, otherwise Duck Lane, contiguous to the town of Bishop's Hatfield, and running across part of Hatfield Park, the property of the Marquess of Salisbury, in a south-eastwardly direction to and across an avenue of trees

there, and proceeding in the same direction until it enters into a path or footway there, leading from the town of Hatfield aforesaid, towards Morrill Hill Brick Ground and thence to west end. Evidence of the consent of the Marquess of Salisbury to the proposed way which is more commodious to the public.

Plan of road annexed. 10th December.

59. Formal consent of the Marquess of Salisbury to the turning of above footpath in consideration of the old public footway, being stopped up, exchanged, and vested in him. 10th December.

60. Order for stopping, turning, and diverting a certain unnecessary public footpath, being in Hatfield Park, belonging to the Marquess of Salisbury, leading out of a certain road, called Hertford Road, running from the town of Hertford to the town of Hatfield, commencing at an iron ladder stile in the said parish of Bishop's Hatfied, opposite to Hatfield Mill, in the occupation of George Farr, and running from that point in a south-westerly direction along Hatfield Park until it reaches an avenue of trees there, and thence proceeding in a southerly direction through the same avenue until it falls into two other public footways. The said unnecessary footway is of the value of 5*l.* Consent of the Marquess of Salisbury to the stopping-up of the said public way, and agreement to purchase it for the above-named sum, to be paid to the Surveyors of Highways of the parish of Bishop's Hatfield.

Plan annexed. 10th December.

61. Formal consent of the Marquess of Salisbury to the above stopping-up of footway. 10th December.

63. Brief to move to respite fine of 100*l.* on indictment at the last sessions for non-repair of a road by the inhabitants of Sandon, in the County of Hertford. A large sum of money has been expended upon the road, and Elias Fordham, surveyor, declares that the said road is proceeding towards a perfect repair as speedily as possible. 27th April.

66. Notice of appeal by Robert Sworder against partial unequal rating. 3rd October.

294. Deposition concerning Francis Emmings, of the parish of Knebworth, who entered into a wood called "Grasridge" (?), in the occupation of Mistress Elizabeth Barbara Bulwer-Lytton, armed with a gun with the intent to illegally kill game. 12th January.

322. Deposition of John Aley, employed by Thomas Smith, of Little Hadham, labourer, to fetch the body of his son, William Smith, which had been stolen from the Churchyard at Little Hadham, where it had been buried, from Bishop's Stortford. The deponent accordingly went to Stortford, where he found the body of the said William Smith in the custody of the constables of that town, and conveyed it to Little Hadham, where Thomas Smith identified it as his son. 23rd March.

401-2. Depositions that notices have been given of the intended diverting and turning of part of an ancient public highway, situate, lying, and being near to a certain mill, called the Horns Mill, in the liberty of Brickendon, of the length of 173 yards, and for making a more commodious way in lieu and in exchange thereof through the lands and grounds of Mrs. Ann Dimsdale and others. Mention of plan of the highway in question.

560. Certificate that a certain part of a common and ancient King's highway, leading from or out of the turnpike road from Baldock to Royston, where the parishes of Sandon and Wallington unite, and proceeding in a southwardly direction within the parishes of Sandon and Wallington towards a place called Redhill, is now in good repair. 11th July.

569. The humble prayer of Henry Thorn, of the borough of Hertford, that the Justices will be pleased to grant him a licence for the representation of such tragedies comedies, interludes, plays, or farces (as now are, or hereafter shall be, acted in any of the patent or licensed theatres in the City of Westminster, or shall in manner prescribed by law have been submitted to the inspection of His Majesty's Household) in the town of Hitchin, in the aforesaid County, for the space of — nights. Epiphany Sessions.

649. Report of repairs requisite to be done to the roofs of the county gaol. The plain tiling on the south side of the north roof requires stripping, timbers repairing, and roof . . . . new lath, and re-tiling; the plastering under eaves of roofs to be new lathed and plastered, and repairs to bell turret and painting to ditto. The cost of the above work will amount to the sum of 60*l*. Part of the north side of the south roof requires the same repairs, and will amount to the sum of 48*l*. October, 1829.

650. Statement by three Justices of the Peace that it is desirable and would be convenient that the two several parishes of Norton and Newnham, within the Hundred of Cashio, and the parish of Radwell, within the Division of Royston, in the said County, respectively, should be annexed to the Division of Stevenage, and that the Hundred of Cashio aforesaid, the Liberty of Saint Alban, and the Division of Royston would, respectively, be altered by such proposed annexation. 5th October

663. Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace state that the several parishes of Welwyn, Ayott St. Peter, Ayott St. Laurence, Digswell, and Wheathampstead, would form together a convenient and proper division, within and for which Special Sessions of the Peace should henceforth be held. They further state that the parishes of Welwyn, Ayott St. Peter, Ayott St. Laurence, and Digswell, are in the Division of Hatfield, in the Hundred of Broadwater and that the parish of Wheathampstead is situate within the Division of Great Berkhampstead, in the hundred of Dacorum. 15th October.

665. Report by the Justices on the condition of the gaol. 5th January.

668. Statement that the roof of that part of the gaol inhabited by debtors, and the roof of the gaoler's house, require repair, and that an estimate for the same will be prepared. 19th October.

698-701. Printed notices of turning, diverting, and stopping up of footpaths, highways, etc.

702. Various County newspapers with advertisements relating to stopping up of highways, etc.

BUNDLE FOR 1830.

32. Order for diverting and turning part of an ancient highway, situate and being near to a certain mill called the Horn's Mill, in the Liberty of Brickendon, in the Hundred and County of Hertford, of the length of 173 yards, and of the breadth of 24 feet six inches, "upon a medium"; and for making a new public highway in lieu and in exchange thereof, of the length of 180 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 27 feet or thereabouts; and certificate by two Justices that the said new highway is properly made and fit for the reception of travellers; and order that the said ancient highway shall be for ever hereafter stopped up.

34 & 35. Notice, dated 30th April, 1830, by C. H. Hamilton, of Kensworth, to the Justices of the Peace for the County of Hertford, that by this writing under his hand, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 30 George III., for dividing, allotting, and enclosing the open and common fields, and common pastures and waste lands, within the parish of Kensworth, in the County of Hertford, he applies to the said Justices to name and appoint two persons to be, together with a third person to be named and chosen by such two persons, arbitrators or referees for enquiring into and ascertaining by or from, or by means of the London Gazette, so long as the returns of the average price of corn or grain shall be published therein, and in case of no such publication then by such ways or means as they shall think equitable or proper, the average price of a Winchester bushel of wheat, or other measure in law substituted in lieu thereof, within the said County of Hertford, for the ten years last past. "And I do further apply to the said Justices to direct the said three arbitrators or referees, or the major part of them, to make and deliver their report setting forth such average price to the Court of Quarter Sessions, to be held for the said County of Hertford, in the first week after

the Feast of the Translation of Saint Thomas the Martyr then next ensuing." See also No. 413.

184. William Pennyfather, of Digswell, in the County of Hertford, one of the High Constables for the Hundred of Broadwater, in the same County; George Nicholson, of the town of Hertford, in the said County, gentleman; and Edward Johnson, of Bishop's Hatfield, in the County of Hertford, aforesaid, surveyor; severally make oath and say that, and first this deponent, William Pennyfather for himself saith that in pursuance of a precept bearing date the 3rd day of December, 1829, under the hands and seals of the Reverend Charles Chester, clerk, and John Church, Esquire, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting for and residing within the Hundred and County aforesaid, he did on Friday and Saturday, the 4th and 5th days of the same month of December, give notice to all Justices of the Peace acting and residing within the Hundred aforesaid, that a Special Sessions would be held at the Salisbury Arms Inn at Hatfield, within the said Hundred, on Thursday, the 10th day of December then instant, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon of the same day, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of stopping up, as useless and unnecessary, a certain public footway leading out of the road from Hertford to Hatfield, commencing opposite Hatfield Mill, in the occupation of George Parr, and running from that point along Hatfield Park, partly through the avenue of trees there to a cottage in the occupation of Mr. Wilkinson, and lying in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, in the said Hundred and County, and in case the majority of the Justices then and there present should be of opinion that such public footway might be stopped up as useless and unnecessary, then and there to make an order for stopping up the same according to law. And this deponent, George Nicholson, for himself saith that on the 10th day of December now last past, he was present and did see the Marquess of Salisbury, the owner of the lands described in the plan hereunto annexed, through which the said public footway ran or passed, sign and seal a certain instrument in writing hereunto annexed, testifying his consent that such public

footway might be stopped up and discontinued from public use.

185. William Pennyfather, of Digswell, in the county of Hertford, one of the high constables for the hundred of Broadwater, in the same county; George Nicholson, of the town of Hertford in the same county, gentleman, and Edward Johnson, of Bishop's Hatfield, in the county of Hertford, aforesaid, surveyor; severally make oath and say. And first this deponent, William Pennyfather, for himself saith that in pursuance of a precept bearing date the 3rd day of December, 1829, under the hands and seals of the Rev. Charles Chester, clerk, and John Church, Esquire, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting for and residing in the hundred and county aforesaid, he did on Friday and Saturday, the fourth and fifth days of the same month of December give notice to all Justices of the Peace, acting and residing within the hundred aforesaid that a special sessions for the highways would be held at the "Salisbury Arms" Inn, at Hatfield, within the said hundred, on Thursday, the 10th day of December then instant, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon of the same day, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of diverting, turning and stopping up a certain public footway in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield in the said hundred and county, leading out of the road from Hertford to Hatfield commencing at a ladder-stile at the north-east end of Park Street, in the town of Hatfield, and running along Hatfield Park in a south-easterly direction across the Avenue as far as, and falling into, and going across another public footway leading from Hatfield aforesaid to Morrill Hill Brick Ground and Essendon. And in case the majority of the Justices then and there present should be of opinion that such public footway might be diverted, turned, and stopped up so as to make the same nearer or more commodious to the public, then and there to make an Order for diverting, turning, and stopping-up the same according to law. And this deponent, George Nicholson, for himself, saith that on the 10th day of December, now last past, he was present, and did see the Marquess of Salisbury, the owner of the lands described in

the plan hereunto annexed, through which the said public footway was intended to be diverted and turned, sign and seal a certain instrument in writing, hereunto annexed, testifying his consent to the making a proposed new public footway through his said lands.

186. William Pennyfather, of Digswell, in the County of Hertford, one of the High Constables for the hundred of Broadwater, in the same county, George Nicholson, of the town of Hertford, in the said county, gentleman, and Edward Johnson, of Bishop's Hatfield, in the said county of Hertford, surveyor, severally make oath and say, And first this deponent, William Pennyfather, for himself saith that in pursuance of a precept bearing date the 3rd day of December, 1829; under the hands and seals of the Marquess of Salisbury, and the Reverend Charles Chester, clerk, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Hertford, acting and residing within the hundred and county aforesaid, he did on Friday and Saturday, the 4th and 5th days of the said month of December, give notice to all Justices of the Peace acting and residing within the hundred aforesaid, that a special sessions for the highways, would be held at the Salisbury Arms Inn, at Hatfield, within the said hundred, on Thursday, the 10th day of December then instant, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon of the same day, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of diverting, turning, and stopping-up part of a certain public highway called the Kentish Lane, leading from the village of Essendon towards Barnet, in the said county, and lying in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield in the said hundred. And in case the majority of the justices then and there present should be of opinion that such part of the said public highway called Kentish Lane might be diverted, turned, and stopped-up, so as to make the same nearer or more commodious to the public, then and there to make an Order for diverting, turning, and stopping-up the same according to law. And this deponent, George Nicholson, for himself saith that on the 10th day of December now last past he was present and did see the said Marquess of Salisbury, the owner of part of the lands described in the plan hereunto

annexed, through which part of the said public highway called Kentish Lane was intended to be diverted and turned, sign and seal a certain instrument in writing hereunto annexed, testifying his consent to the making and continuing a new highway through his lands.

268. Certificate by William Hale that he has not directly nor indirectly received any sum or sums of money, office, place, or employment, gratuity or reward, or any bond, bill, or note, or any promise or gratuity whatsoever, either by himself or any other person to his own use or benefit or advantage, for making any return at the present election of members to serve in Parliament, and that he will return such person or persons as shall to the best of his judgment appear to him to have the majority of legal votes.

387. Certificate of six Justices of the Peace for the County of Hertford that in their opinion the several parishes of Harpenden, North Mimms, Shenley, and Wheathamstead, situate within the hundred or division of Dacorum in the said county would form together a convenient and proper division within and for which special sessions should henceforth be held, and that the hundred or division of Dacorum aforesaid would alone be altered by such division. And they do further state that the following are the names of such of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said county as at the date hereof are usually resident or acting as such within the boundaries of such proposed new division. (List follows.)

389. Certificate by two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the county of Hertford and Liberty of Saint Alban, in pursuance of an Act passed in the ninth year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the better regulation of divisions in the several counties of England and Wales," that it is desirable, and would be convenient, that the parish of Totteridge, in the division of Hatfield, in the hundred of Broadwater, in the said county of Hertford, should be annexed to the division of Chipping Barnet, in the hundred of Cashio, in the Liberty of Saint Alban. The hundreds of Broadwater and Cashio, and the divisions of Hatfield and Chipping Barnet, would

be altered by such proposed annexation; "and we do request you to lay this our statement before the now ensuing quarter sessions of the peace, to be holden in and for the said county, to the intent that the same may be taken into consideration at the then next following Sessions of the Peace of the said county, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act of Parliament." 17th January.

413. Certificate, dated 8th July, 1830, by James Goude, of Studham, in county of Hertford, farmer, and John Sedgwick, of Rickmansworth, in the said county of Hertford, land agent, that they have enquired into and ascertained that the average price of a Winchester bushel of good marketable wheat, within the said county of Hertford, for the ten years last past immediately before the last Easter Court of Sessions, is 7*s*. 6*d*. (See also Nos. 34 & 35).

415. Certificate that William Fountain, late of Shenley, in the county of Hertford, was on the 5th March, 1818, convicted of stealing a sheep, and was condemned to be hanged, which sentence was commuted to one of imprisonment with hard labour for one year. Dated 11th October, 1830.

471, 473. Accounts for repairs done to Buntingford bridge.

489. Account of Mr. Caleb Hitch, of Ware, for work done to Wadesmill bridge.

514. Report of the Justices appointed to visit and inspect the county gaol and house of correction at Hertford, that the buildings generally are in good repair, but that the boundary walls and some of the cross walls require to be repaired and pointed, and that they have directed the surveyor to examine and report on the same.

520. Report of the dilapidations of a county bridge leading from Wormley, by the name of Maple Bridge, adjoining Wormley Bury Park: The greatest part of the wing walls have given way, and require taking down and rebuilding, part of the arch is fallen in, the half of the road is obliged to be fenced off to prevent accidents, the underpinning of the remainder of the side walls requires to be made good to prevent the whole of the bridge from falling in.

521. Report ordered by the Visiting Magistrates of repairs requisite to be done to the county gaol, Herts.: The boundary wall for several feet from the top, being in a very defective state, and several of the division walls in the interior of the gaol in the same state, occasioned by their not having proper coping fixed upon them, the water has been admitted from two to three feet down them, and in that state the frost, etc., has caused the mortar to decay; about 2 ft. 6 in. requires to be taken down and rebuilt, and a proper saddle-backed coping formed with brick and cement fixed upon the top to prevent the same from again occurring.

559. Newspaper cuttings containing advertisements *re* price of a Winchester bushel of wheat.

BUNDLE FOR 1831.

39. Presentment reciting that as there is a certain common highway leading from the parish of Great Munden, in the county of Hertford, through the parish of Standon, towards and unto the hamlet of Puckeridge, and directing that as a certain part of the said highway, situate, lying, and being in the parish of Standon, containing in length 119 rods or poles, and in breadth 15 ft., is very ruinous and deep broken, and in great decay for want of reparation, the inhabitants of the parish of Standon are bound to repair the same.

40. Order that so much of a certain public footway lying within the parish of Radwell, in the county of Hertford, leading to or in the direction of Stotfold, in the county of Bedford, as runs for the space of 58 yds. 2 ft. or thereabouts, in a north-westwardly direction from a stile in a fence between Berry Close, and a close called Church Field, both belonging to Samuel Mills, Esquire, along the west side of the close last mentioned to a stile in the boundary fence, dividing the parish of Radwell from the parish of Stotfold, and particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed, be diverted into the new footway hereinafter described, and set out in lieu thereof, or of such part of the old footway

as is hereinbefore described, which new footway runs for the space 58 yds. and 2 ft. or thereabouts from the said first mentioned stile, along a parallel line with the old footway hereinbefore described, a little to the westward thereof, over land of the said Samuel Mills, as is also particularly described and delineated in the said hereunto annexed plan. And that the said footway first described be diverted and turned through the land aforesaid, and that so much of the old footway as is hereby ordered to be diverted be sold and exchanged by the surveyor of the highways for the parish of Radwell, and be vested in the said Samuel Mills, whose land adjoins thereto, in consideration and in lieu of the land and soil of the said new footway. (See also Nos. 283 and 572.)

Plans, in duplicate of the above with notices.

41, 45. Order that a certain public footway, leading into, through, and over a certain close of land called the Hilly Field, in the parish of Bishop's Stortford, in the county of Hertford, in the possession of William Bird, of the same place, common brewer, containing in length 112 yds. or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 3 feet upon a medium, and particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed, is unnecessary, and shall be stopped up and discontinued, and that the land and soil thereof shall be sold to the said William Bird, whose land adjoins thereto, if he shall be willing to purchase the same for the full value thereof, if not to some other person or persons for the full value thereof, the money arising from such sale to be paid to the surveyors of the highways for the said parish of Bishop Stortford, and be applied towards the general repairs of the highways and bridleways of the said parish of Bishop Stortford, within which parish the said footway so stopped up is situated.

Plan of the above mentioned footpath, and sundry notices relating thereto. (See also Nos. 280, 282, and 572.)

192. Recognizance of Charles Henry Piotto, of 60, Marchmont Street, Brunswick Square, in the county of Middlesex.

404. Indictment of Robert Hogan, the younger, of Stanstead

Abbott, in the county of Hertford, labourer, for libelling one Joseph Kirby, by publishing pictures of him represented as hanging on a gallows, with certain vile inscriptions.

408. Indictment of Thomas Edwards, of the parish of Anstey, in the county of Hertford, labourer, for breaking away and escaping from Joseph Morris, Constable of the said parish of Anstey, having been apprehended by the said Joseph Morris for riotous behaviour; and further that the said Thomas Edwards having been arrested and imprisoned in a prison or cage for the parish of Anstey, did therefrom escape and break away.

410. Presentment that there is an ancient public footway, leading from and out of a certain king's highway in the parish of Codicote, in the county of Hertford, through and along a certain close of land called Knebworth Park, lying and being part thereof in the parish aforesaid, and part thereof in the parish of Knebworth, towards and unto the said parish of Knebworth, which said close hath been and still is in the possession and occupation of one Elizabeth Barbara Bulwer Lytton, widow, and that the said Elizabeth Barbara Bulwer Lytton, on the 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord 1829, did unlawfully and injuriously stop up and enclose and cause to be obstructed, stopped up, and enclosed, the said footway, by then and there taking down and causing to be taken down a certain ancient gate then erected, and being at the entrance of the said footway, in the said close of land, and by then and there erecting and causing to be erected certain wooden palings, in, upon, and across the said entrance of the said footway, in the place and room of the said ancient gate, and that the said Elizabeth Barbara Bulwer Lytton the said palings for the space of two years then next following did continue, and the said footway so as aforesaid obstructed, stopped up, and enclosed, to the great damage and hindrance and nuisance of all the liege subjects of our Lord the King. And that the said Elizabeth Barbara Bulwer Lytton upon the 1st day of January, 1829, and upon the 1st day of May, 1831, did obstruct and enclose certain other ancient and public footways in the parish of

Codicote aforesaid, by erecting and causing to be erected certain iron railings to the evil example of all others in the like case offending, and against the peace of our Lord the King, his crown and dignity.

432. Certificate by Thomas Gutterson, Esquire, justice of the peace for the county of Middlesex, that William Briggs attended before him to give evidence against John Smith, accused of felony.

440. Certificate, dated the 14th day of October, 1831, by John Clerk, deputy clerk of the peace, that George Catlin and George Males, otherwise called George Catlin, both of Walkern, in the county of Hertford, labourers, were on the 1st day of March, 1826, convicted of stealing a sheep, value 20*s*., and were condemned to be hanged; which sentence was, however, commuted to one of imprisonment, with hard labour, for one year.

523. Letter from D. G. Adey, Esquire, St. Albans, dated 28th May, 1831, to J. S. Story, Esquire, clerk of the peace.

I shall be obliged to you to lay before the Magistrates at Hertford, the following statement:—The two bridges on the high road from Markyate Street to Luton, a road much used, were built at the time of the enclosure of the commons, in the parish of Caddington, about the year 1800. They have since been completely adopted by the public, and no repairs having been done to them since, I apprehend the county are liable to such repairs as are necessary. The arch of the bridge nearest Luton has partly fallen in, and I have been obliged to order some rails to be put to prevent accidents. It requires immediate attention, and the object of this note is to request you to obtain the directions of the Magistrates attending at Hertford for the county surveyor to go over and see what is necessary. The other bridge, though requiring repair, is not in a dangerous state, but the opportunity of the surveyor's looking over one should be taken advantage of to have the other put in order (See also No. 525).

526. Letter dated 25th June, 1831, from Messrs. Williamson & Austin, of Luton, to J. S. Story, Esquire, St. Albans. We

have consulted the minister and one of the principal proprietors of Caddington respecting your application for the Caddington Inclosure award, and they think with us that the original award cannot in propriety be sent in the manner you propose. If it was in the church chest it could not of course be produced without the consent of the minister and churchwardens, and we conceive that we hold it under the same restrictions. If the production of the original award is necessary, the regular way would be for you to subpœna one of us to produce it, and in that case we should be justified in doing so. We are not aware of the purpose for which it is required, but we presume an extract would not be sufficient unless officially certified by the clerk of the peace for Bedfordshire.

587-9. The justices of the peace appointed to visit and inspect the county gaol and house of correction at Hertford do report: That the buildings generally are in good repair, and that the boundary wall is undergoing continued repairs in the top courses.

544. At a Special Petty Sessions of the Justices of the Peace for the hundred of Dacorum, in the county of Hertford, the visiting magistrates nominated John Haddocks to the office of keeper of the house of correction at Berkhamstead, and he is directed to enter upon the office immediately, and is sworn in as special constable. And the magistrates present recommend to the court of quarter sessions to grant to John Rogers, aged 70, the late keeper, who is become incapable for the duties of the office (which he has served personally 16 years, and with his late father from 1788), a pension of £10 a year for his life.

572. Newspaper cuttings containing advertisements respecting the stopping up of certain public footways in the parishes of Radwell and Bishop's Stortford. (See Nos. 40 and 41-5).

BUNDLE FOR 1832.

30. Notice by Jonathan Weymouth, 15, Old Jewry, of appeal against a poor rate, as attorney for Solomon Baxter, a rated

inhabitant of the parish of North Mimms, in a certain rate or assessment made on the 6th day of August, 1832, and allowed on the 10th day of August, 1832, by two of the justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, for the necessary use of the poor and for other purposes in the several Acts of Parliament mentioned relating to the poor in the parish of North Mimms in the county of Hertford, being as it is alleged the first granted for the present year, made upon one shilling in the pound, granted the 6th day of August, 1832. This is to give notice to you and every of you that the said Solomon Baxter intends at the next general quarter sessions, to be holden in Hertford, in and for the said county of Hertford, to appeal against the said rate or assessment, and the grounds of such appeal are that the said rate or assessment purported to have been the first rate granted for the then present year. Also that the said rate or assessment was bad on the face of it. Also that the said rate or assessment was not duly made and allowed pursuant to the Acts of Parliament. Also that Robert William Gaussen, Esquire, an inhabitant in the said parish was not rated for and in respect of the great tithes of the said parish in his occupation. Also that the trustees of the said Robert William Gaussen, or such person or persons as were really the occupiers of the great tithes of the said parish were not rated in the said rate in respect of the said great tithes. Also that the said Solomon Baxter was in and by the said rate, rated for and in respect of a farm called Potteralls Farm, whereas the said Solomon Baxter was not at the time of making the said rate the occupier of the said farm. Also that the said Solomon Baxter was in and by the said rate rated for and in respect of great tithes. Whereas the said Solomon Baxter was not the occupier and ought not to have been rated for and in respect of any great tithes in the said parish. Also if it should be held that the said Solomon Baxter was the occupier, either of the said farm or tithes, then a further ground and cause of appeal was that the said Solomon Baxter was in the said rate or assessment over-rated in respect of the yearly value of the farm and tithes, in respect of which he is alleged to be the

occupier. Also that the said Solomon Baxter, although the said rate purported to be a rate of one 1*s*. in the £ on the rental of the said farm called Potterall's alleged to be in his occupation, the said Solomon Baxter was charged with more than 1*s*. in the £ on such rental. Also that William Charles Casamajor, Esquire, was underrated for and in respect of a house and gardens in his occupation. Also that Robert William Gaussen was underrated for and in respect of a house and gardens in his occupation. Also that Sir Davidge Gould was underrated for and in respect of a house and gardens in his occupation. Also for that Sir William Heygate was underrated for and in respect of the house and gardens in his possession. Also for that Thomas Nash Kemble, Esquire, was underrated for and in respect of a house and gardens in his occupation. Also that the said rate was in other respects partial, unjust and illegal. And further take notice that you are to produce at the time of hearing this appeal the said rate purporting to have been made and allowed as aforesaid. Dated this 4th day of October, 1832.

38. Certificate by two justices of the peace acting and residing within the hundred of Broadwater, in the county of Hertford, that a new highway had been completed in lieu of a certain old public highway, called Kentish Lane, leading from the village of Essendon, and communicating with the north road between Hatfield and Barnet in the said county, and lying in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield in the hundred and county aforesaid, of the length of 695 yards, or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 40ft., or thereabouts, on a medium, commencing at the north end thereof at a white gate marked "A" on the plan annexed, being the south entrance to the residence of the Earl of Rosebery, and ending at the corner of a road or lane leading to a farm called Barber's Lodge marked "B' on the said plan, and passing through and between lands on both sides thereof as far as Woodfield Lane, which turns out of the said public highway called Kentish Lane, stated to belong to William Franks, Esquire, and thence to the point turning and leading to the said farm called Barber's Lodge, through and between lands on

the east side thereof, stated to belong to the Marquess of Salisbury, and on the west side thereof to the said William Franks, as the said points are figuratively described on the said plan. The new highway commences at the point where the said old public highway was diverted, turned, and stopped up, and leading out of and from the said old public highway, on the east side thereof, in a south-eastwardly direction through Northfield, then the property of William Franks, Esquire, into Barnfield, then also the property of the said William Franks, taking a southwardly direction and after running through Longmead, then also belonging to the said William Franks, across Woodfield Lane and through Whitegate field, then the property of the said Marquess of Salisbury, until the same course falls into Kentish Lane aforesaid, at the corner of the said road or lane leading to Barber's Lodge aforesaid. The said new highway is of the length of 700 yards, or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 40ft. on a medium, or thereabouts, and delineated on the said plan marked "A" and "B," respectively. 22nd June, 1832.

484. Indictment of John Brown, of Hitchin, labourer, for stealing two prayer-books of the value of 8*s*. Sentenced to be imprisoned in the house of correction for one week.

644. Letter dated 8th October, 1832. from Frederick Vander Meulen and Rowland Alston, Esquires, justices of the peace, to John Samuel Story, Esquire, clerk of the peace, states that for the last ten years and upwards a petty session has been regularly held at the town of Bishop's Stortford, where such business as does not require to be transacted in special sessions, has usually been done for the parishes of Bishop Stortford, Thorley and Sawbridgeworth, and occasionally Much Hadham, Little Hadham, and Albury, in the hundred of Edwinstree, and several parishes in the adjoining county of Essex. It is our opinion that the parishes of Bishop Stortford, Thorley, and Sawbridgeworth aforesaid, which are situated or deemed to be within the division of Eastwick, in the hundred of Braughin, and comprise together more than one third of the population of the same hundred, would

form together a convenient and proper division within and for which special sessions should thence forward be held, and that the formation of such a division would be a great convenience to the inhabitants residing therein. That the division of Eastwick alone will be altered by the proposed new division. And that Sir George Duckett, Baronet, Nicholson Calvert, Esquire, Felix Calvert, Esquire, Charles Phelips, Esquire, Robert Plumer Ward, Esquire, Henry George Ward, Esquire, Rowland Alston, Esquire, Frederick Vander Meulen, Esquire, John Archer Houblon, Esquire, the Reverend Charles Spencer Bouchier, clerk, are justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, aforesaid, at the date hereof, usually resident, or acting as such, within the boundaries of the said proposed new division; the business of the said several parishes proposed to be comprised therein which is by law required to be done at special sessions, having hitherto been transacted at the special sessions, held at and for the division of Eastwick aforesaid.

655. The justices appointed to visit and inspect the county gaol and house of correction at Hertford, do report that the buildings are in good repair, the outer wall repairs having lately been completed in a very substantial manner.

656. Similar report that the repairs of the boundary are now completed in a very substantial manner, though attended with considerable expense; the roof of part of the gaol requires some repair, and the middle yard pavement ought to be relaid. The visiting justices recommend that it be laid with stone.

659. At a petty sessions for the hundred of Dacorum, held at the King's Arms, Berkhamsted St. Peter, Tuesday, 7th February, 1832, the clerks laid before the bench a letter from Mr. Alington, the county treasurer, stating that Mr. William Greenhill, the high constable, was again in arrear of the levy money received by him to the amount of 383*l.* 4*s* 5*d.* Ordered that the clerks do write to the clerk of the peace to direct him to lay the matter before the next quarter sessions, with a recommendation for Mr. Greenhill's removal from the office; and also to apprize Mr. Alington thereof, and to

direct him to take all necessary means to recover the amount due.

692—693. Mrs. Elizabeth Barbara Bulwer Lytton, widow, having been indicted for stopping up a public footpath in the parish of Knebworth in Herts, to which indictment she will plead (by her Attorney) not guilty, and as some arrangement is now on foot between the contending parties, which it is suggested as likely to conclude amicably and satisfactorily, it has been agreed that the trial shall be postponed until the next sessions, to give time to the parties to make such an arrangement.

694. Elizabeth Barbara Bulwer Lytton, widow, stands indicted for stopping up a certain public footpath, leading from and out of a certain King's highway, part in the parish of Codicote, and part in the parish of Knebworth, towards and unto the said parish of Knebworth; to which indictment she pleaded not guilty at the last Epiphany session, since which terms of compromise have been effected, and it is agreed that a new gate and footpath shall be made by defendant in lieu of the one stopped up. Whereupon defendant has agreed to withdraw her plea of not guilty, and to plead guilty to the indictment.

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11. Report of the Justices that the buildings of the county gaol are generally in good repair, but that some parts of the roof, and of the inner walls of the house of correction and the pavement of some of the yards require repair. The prisoners were numerous during the last quarter, but healthy and orderly. 1st April, 1833.

14. Similar document to above, recommending that the yards be paved with Yorkshire stone. Also that the yards of the house of correction be new gravelled, or, better, laid with Yorkshire stone. 24th June.

15. Plan of lands of Baron Dimsdale in the parish of Essendon.

18. Memorial of the inhabitants of Hemel Hempstead. They state that beyond the memory of any living person there has

been a certain bridge over the river Gade, at the tail of Two Waters Mill, situated on Box Moor in the said parish, used by all His Majesty's subjects. This bridge is on the high road from London to Hemel Hempstead, and much and increasing traffic passes that way. The bridge is a dangerous turning for carriages, and there have been several accidents. The surveyor declares the bridge to be greatly out of repair, and the inhabitants petition for a new bridge in another direction, to avoid the dangerons turning. Details of position of present bridge are given, and it is stated that an estimate for the proposed new bridge is appended, but they are not now with the memorial. A list of signatures follows, headed by that of the bailiff of Hemel Hempstead. 1st July.

20. Order to John Ramsey, one of the High Constables of the hundred of Hertford, to give notice to the justices of the peace of a special session for 31st August, holden for the purpose of making an order for stopping up an unnecessary and useless highway, called New Lane, from the Hertford to Barnet Road, 795 yards in length, and 40 feet or thereabouts in width, situated in the parish of Essendon. And to make in lieu of this highway a more convenient one near by. 24th August.

23. Printed notice referring to above. 31st August.

24. The Honourable Baron Thomas Robert Dimsdale, of Camfield Place, in the parish of Essendon, being owner of the whole of the land through which the aforesaid public way is to be made consents to the making and continuing of the said way through the said lands. 31st August.

25. Order signed by Thomas Daniell, Esq., and the Reverend Robert Orme, two justices of the peace, for the closing of the said useless way (called New Lane, from the Hertford to Barnet Road) and the making of the new way. The expenses of closing and remaking to be borne by Baron Dimsdale, and the keeping in repair to be borne by him and his heirs, successors, and assigns for ever. 31st August.

29. The Court at Aylesbury orders the clerk of the peace for Bucks to write to the clerks of the peace for the several

counties of England, calling attention to the enormous and increasing expenditure of counties under the head of bridges, and inviting the co-operation of their counties in an application to Parliament for the power to collect tolls from passengers over county bridges (for whose accommodation they have been erected) in order to reimburse the expenses of counties. 11th October.

33. Order of the Justices visiting the gaol that for the purpose of making the work of the treadmill more effectual for the punishment of the convicts employed thereon it is advisable that the work be done in silence under the supervision of a turnkey, and they have directed that two persons be employed by the gaol for that purpose while the work is going on. They order the mill to be kept going during extra hours owing to the number of prisoners. They order the misdemeanour yard to be appropriated for the purpose of instructing juveniie offenders before trial, and Mumford to receive extra pay as schoolmaster in addition to other duties. They direct that an estimate be obtained of expense of erecting a governor and fly-wheel similar to those in Derby gaol. They direct that an additional turnkey shall be employed, and that the lighting of lamps in spaces within the walls be discontinued until further notice. The visiting magistrates have not come to a conclusion as to scale of allowances to constables for the conveyance of prisoners to gaol. The Justices appointed to visit and inspect the county gaol and house of correction at Hertford, report as follows: That the buildings generally are in good repair, but that the roof of the felons yard requires to be stripped and re-tiled, and there are old tiles from the roof of the gaoler's house at hand for the purpose. The inner walls in several places require pointing and repairing. The gaoler's house has been much improved by the additions and alterations lately made, and now nearly completed. Prisoners have been healthy and orderly in behaviour. 30th December.

629. Petition of various persons stating that two certain water-courses crossing the public highway or road between the

town of Tring, in the county of Hertford, and Wingrave, in the county of Buckingham, are frequently in such a state as to render it extremely dangerous and at times impossible for those travelling to pass without the risk of being carried away by the current. One watercourse, called Langdale Ford, divides the hamlet of Longmarstone, in the parish of Tring, in the county of Hertford, from a part of the parish of Drayton Beauchamp, in the county of Buckingham, and the other watercourse, called Nattocks Ford, divided the Lordship of Betlow, in the said county of Buckingham. The said public highway is an important communication between several towns and villages between the said counties of Hertford and Buckingham. The petitioners have been much inconvenienced and exposed to danger by the rising of the waters, and in attempting to cross the said fords. They petition for bridges to be constructed for public safety. Midsummer sessions.

651. Certificate that the prisoners in the county gaol and house of correction at Hertford are at this time healthy, with the exception of one, whose disorder is not infectious. There have been 40 cases of illness during the year, of which 15 have been in the gaol and 25 in the house of correction, but never more than two at one time in the former, nor more than six at one time in the latter. There has been one death this year in the house of correction. September 28th.

653. Certificate, by Thomas Lloyd, Chaplain, that the services have been regularly performed in the chapel of the gaol throughout the year ending the 29th September last, and that the duties required by the Act of Parliament have been faithfully fulfilled during the same period. 14th Octoher.

804. The attention of committing Magistrates is called to the expediency of abstaining from forcing the attendance of witnesses whose testimony is not clearly required by the circumstances of the case. The costs are, by the failure of this attention, needlessly increased. Constables, whose knowledge only goes to shew that the stolen goods were placed in their custody, are not necessary as witnesses,

except when they found the stolen property on the person of the accused or on his premises. Michaelmas.

805. Report of a committee appointed 8th April last to superintend the publication of accounts relating to county expenditure, and to report their proceedings and suggestions for the diminution of such expenditure as may appear practicable. The committee directs the publication of county accounts for the last year in an improved and enlarged form, copies to be sent to all acting magistrates, to the vestry clerk or overseer of every parish within the county. They find that no saving can be effected under the head of bridges upon the present very moderate expense. They recommend the re-publication of a former order of Sessions appointing certain Magistrates to direct the repair of bridges under 20*l.* in different parts of the county. They recommend that the clerk of the peace be directed to fix in Court a table of his fees on trials and convictions for the better information of the public. The committee find it absolutely necessary for the safeguard of prisoners that the watching and lighting of the gaol at night be not dispensed with. The committee consider that the expenditure of the gaol may be lessened by the Magistrates adopting the system of tender for repairs, etc., and of contract for the supply of necessaries for the gaol. They are of opinion that the houses of correction at Buntingford, Great Berkhampstead, and Hitchin should be abandoned. They have cost the county 174*l.* in the last year, and are liable to considerable repairs. The committee believe that the imprisonment in houses of correction of this description is less effectual as a system of punishment than in the central house of correction attached to the county gaol. They find that under the head of apprehending and conveying prisoners to gaol that the allowances made by Magistrates to constables are in many cases excessive and unnecessary. They recommend a circular being sent to all acting Magistrates in the county respecting it. The committee consider that much expense is occasioned by the unnecessary prosecution of petty offences, and the committals for very trifling offences, and they consider that magistrates can save great expenses

under this heading. The committee consider that the expenses of constables attending assizes and sessions may be greatly diminished if not dispensed with. They hope that the expense of the ensuing year will be considerably less than last year, and recommend the application of such savings to the reduction of the existing debt. The committee find that the Treasurer is subjected to great labour from the individual application of constables for their expenses, and his accounts thereby made unnecessary long. They recommend that all warrants of allowances to constables be henceforth delivered to the clerks of petty session, and that a schedule thereof be made by such clerks and transmitted quarterly to the treasurer in order to their being discharged. Midsummer Sessions.

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28. Consent of Charles James Lord, Bishop of London, Lord of the Manor of Bishop's Stortford, in the county of Hertford, and William Gee, of Bishop's Stortford, gentleman (lessee of the said Lord Bishop), being owner of a close of land through which part of a certain highway, lying between the southernmost corner of a close of land, belonging to John Race, Esquire, and the dwelling-house called Stort Lodge, in the parish of Bishop's Stortford, is intended to be diverted and turned in consideration of the sum of 31*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, to be paid to the said Bishop, and the said William Gee, for the said land and soil thereof. 27th February.

29. Consent of John Cheffins, owner of a close of land described in the plan annexed through which part of a certain highway, lying between the southernmost corner of a close of land belonging to John Race, Esquire, and the dwelling-house called Stort Lodge, to the diverting and turning of the said highway in consideration of the sum of 2*l.*, to be paid to him for the land and soil thereof. 28th February.

39. Consent of John Race, to the above divertion, in consideration of the sum of 22*l* 13*s.* 9*d.* 3rd March.

31. Order for diverting and turning the above mentioned highway, in the parish of Bishop's Stortford. Plan of the same No. 33.

32. Consent of Robert Sworder, to the diverting of the above road, in consideration of the sum of 59*l* 2*s*. 6*d*. 6th March.

33. Plan of highway in the parish of Bishop's Stortford.

34. Order, dated 3rd March, concerning the repairing of a certain common highway leading from Baldock, to Clothall aforesaid, called Pest House Lane, lying between a certain place called White Horse Street, in the parish of Baldock aforesaid, and a certain other place called Wallington Corner, being in length 861½ yards, one side of which said highway adjoining to the parish of Clothall, lies within the parish of Clothall, and is to be, and of right ought to be, repaired by the said parish of Clothall, and the other side of the said highway, adjoining to the parish of Baldock, lies within the parish of Baldock, and is to be, and of right ought to be, repaired by the said parish of Baldock. The repair of the said highway is said to be very inconvenient for the parishes aforesaid, and the want thereof is detrimental to the public, and it is prayed that the said highway may be allotted and apportioned for the repair by the Justices.

The Justices declare that the highway shall be divided in the following manner:—That at the distance of 330¾ yards, measuring from the place called White Horse Street, in Baldock, aforesaid, there shall be erected certain posts or stones on each side of the said highway, and the whole of the said highway, from the place called White Horse Street aforesaid to such posts or stones, shall be from time to time, and at all times hereafter, repaired by the parish of Baldock, and the whole of the said highway from such posts or stones to the place called Wallington Corner shall from time to time be repaired by the parish of Clothall. 10th March.

35. Plan of Pest House Lane in the parishes of Baldock and Clothall.

36. Notice of a special session for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of stopping-up as unnecessary a certain public footway in the parish of Baldock aforesaid, commencing at a stile at the east end of a certain ancient close, lately divided, called Long Close, the property of Vickris Pryor, Esq., in the occupation of John Little and the said Vickris Pryor respectively, and running for the distance of 274 yards or thereabouts along the north side of the said close to a stile at the west end thereof, opposite the farm-homestead, called New Farm, the property of the said Vickris Pryor.

37. Order for stopping-up the above footpath in the parish of Baldock. 10th March.

39. Plan of footpath in the parish of Baldock.

40. Order for apportionment (between the parishes of Baldock and Bygrave) of repairs to Castle Lane, leading from the turnpike road at the north end of Baldock to Norton End. The Justices order that stones or posts be erected at an equal distance from the two ends of the lane to divide it, and that the parishes of Baldock and Bygrave shall each repair half. Plan annexed. 24th March.

41. Order for the apportionment of repairs to Black Lane, between Baldock and Willian, in the same manner as above, the two parishes to divide their share of repairs equally. 4th March.

42. Plan of road in the parishes of Baldock and Willian.

43. Order for the apportionment of repairs to Norton End Road, between Norton and Baldock. Plan attached 24th March.

44. Notice of special sessions to be holden at the George Inn at Buntingford, in the county of Hertford, for the purpose of diverting and turning a certain part of a public footway within the parish of Barkway, lying between the town of Barkway and the village of Nuthamstead, through the lands of Henry Kimpton. 10th November.

45. Order for the diverting and turning of the footpath above referred to in the parish of Barkway. 23rd November.

47. Plan of footpath in the parish of Barkway.

48. Consent of Henry Kimpton, yeoman, of Barkway, to the diverting and turning of a footpath in the parish of Barkway, also to the making and continuing of new footway. 11th August.

49. Notice of an appeal against the poor rate by certain inhabitants of King's Langley. 21st March.

396. Deposition of Samuel Henry Williams, of Stevenage, in the county of Hertford, who says that on the 14th day of May last a fire broke out in the malt kiln of the deponent at Stevenage aforesaid, whereby 356 bushels of malt were wholly destroyed, and 312 bushels of malt were rendered fit for cattle only. The duty charged upon the aforesaid amounts to 86*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, which duty deponent prays may be remitted pursuant to the statute for that purpose made. 30th June.

651. Petition of W. Wilson, keeper of the gaol, asking that the magistrates of the county of Hertford would be pleased to assist him in defraying the charges of defending an action for assault brought against him by one William Worboys, formerly an inmate of the house of correction. The plaintiff was non-suited, and had William Worboys possessed property the petitioner would have been indemnified for the expenses of the action, but having none the weight of them falls on the said Wilson. The petitioner states that the expenses have been increased by the venue being laid in London, and by the prisoner having employed two counsel against him, and is fully satisfied that the magistrates will not condemn a line of conduct which was adopted for the maintenance of discipline in the gaol, and which the learned Judge upheld. 6th October.

729. Notice of an application to be made by James Smith for a renewal of licence for Hadham Palace Lunatic Asylum. March 26th.

748. Report of the Justices appointed to visit the gaol, that the buildings are in good repair, and that the new system of discipline in the house of correction in enforcing silence

during working hours and in separating the prisoners at all times appears to have a good effect. 23rd June.

744. The Justices report that the Hertford gaol buildings are generally in a state of good repair, though some parts will shortly require repair and improvement. One of the day rooms has lately been divided, and three of the large cells have been also divided, so as to make five new cells for solitary confinement.

The gaol and house of correction have been whitewashed throughout by the labours of the prisoners. Meat and clothing are now provided by contract.

The number of prisoners committed, including debtors, during the last year was 654, being 72 less than in the preceding year. 18th October.

745. Presentment of two justices of the peace that they are of the opinion that it would be convenient for the parish of Great Amwell, within the hundred of Hertford, to be annexed to the division of Ware in the same county, and that the hundred of Hertford aforesaid would be altered by such proposed annexation. 23rd December.

746. Notice that the surveyors of the highways in the liberty of Brickendon, in the county of Hertford, intend to apply to the justices at the next quarter sessions to be holden at the Shire Hall, Hertford, for a just and equal rate on all lands, tenements, woods, tithes, and hereditaments in the said liberty for the amendment and preservation of the highways in the liberty of Brickendon aforesaid. 29th December.

748. Brief to move for the appointment of three persons to be referees for inquiring and ascertaining the average price of a Winchester bushel of good marketable wheat within the county of Hertford for fourteen years now last past, and that such persons deliver in their report at the next quarter sessions.

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12. 25th February. Order by George Frederick Hothum and John Moses Carter, justices of the peace, at a special

sessions for the highways held at Marden Hill. Recites that they have viewed a certain part of a public highway leading from the village of Tewin towards the town of Hertford, and lying within the several parishes of Tewin and St. Andrew, Hertford, of the length of 445½ yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 14 feet upon a medium, commencing at a turn in the said public highway opposite the south-east corner of a certain wood called Redwood, in the parish of Tewin, and ending at a certain oak tree, standing in a small plantation on the south side of the said public highway, in the said parish of St. Andrew, and within 61 yards or thereabouts (west) of a large white gate on the same side (being the eastern entrance to the park and grounds of Claude George Thornton, and which said part of the said public highway runs between the same park and grounds on the south, and a certain field of arable land called Gilberts Pightle, in the said parish of Tewin, and a certain field of woodland called Hooks Bushes, in the said parish of St. Andrew, on the north, as the same is more particularly described in a plan (No. 18), which said fields called Gilberts Pightle and Hooks Bushes are the property and in the possession of the said Claude George Thornton.

The same highway may be diverted and turned so as to make it nearer and more commodious to the public and the justices have viewed a course proposed for the new public highway in lieu and on the north side thereof, and through the lands and grounds of the said Claude George Thornton, of the length of 418 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of 24 feet upon a medium, commencing at the south-east corner of the said wood called Redwood, and thence through the said field of woodland called Hooks Bushes, and ending opposite the oak tree above-mentioned, where it joins the said public highway leading from the village of Tewin towards the town of Hertford, as the same is more particularly described in the said plan; and having received evidence of the consent of the said Claude George Thornton to the said new highway being made through his said lands and grounds, in consideration of the said old highway being sold, exchanged, and vested in him,

they order that the said part of the old public highway be diverted, turned, and stopped up, and that the said proposed course for the new public highway be appropriated in lieu thereof, and they further order that such part of the said old public highway so ordered to be diverted, turned, and stopped up as aforesaid, be sold, exchanged, and vested in the said Claude George Thornton, in exchange for the new public highway so appropriated.

13. The plan referred to in No. 12 (see also No. 216).

14. 25th February. The consent of Claude George Thornton, referred to in No. 12.

15. Order by John Green and Vickris Pryor, justices of the peace, within the hundred of Broadwater. Recites that a certain public footway running over, through, and along a certain close or field, adjoining the farm-yard of Mr. John Sworder, beginning in a public lane called Wheelers Lane, at the point marked A on a plan (No. 16), and extending from thence to a stile leading out of the said close into a certain lane leading to the parish of Weston, and ending in the said lane at the point marked B on the said plan, containing in breadth 3 feet, and in length 247 feet or thereabouts, situate in the parish of Willian, in the hundred aforesaid, is useless and unnecessary; and directs that the said public footway be stopped up, and the land and soil thereof sold by the surveyors of the highways for the parish of Willian aforesaid to the Honorable Thomas Robert, Baron Dimsdale, whose lands adjoin thereto, if he shall be willing to purchase the same for the full value thereof, if not to some other person for the full value thereof, reserving nevertheless to the said Baron Dimsdale, his heirs and assigns, in case he should not purchase the said soil, a right of way over the said footway to and from the farm land and premises belonging to him, now in the occupation of the said John Sworder, in the parish of Willian. Also certificate by the same Justices that Baron Dimsdale has purchased the said footway, for 1*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.*, which sum they order to be applied for the use of the highways within the said parish of Willian.

16. The plan referred to in No. 15.

17. 4th December. Notice by Nathaniel Cobham, solicitor, of Ware, that the Order (No. 15), will be confirmed and enrolled at the next quarter sessions, unless it be otherwise determined by any appeal against the same.

22. Notice of appeal by Robert Everett, of Clayton Street, Lambeth, Surrey, farmer of tolls, against a poor rate, he being rated as an occupier of Ware Bridge.

23. Notice of appeal by the Marquis of Salisbury, as owner of Ware Bridge, against the same rate.

24. Notice of appeal by the New River Company against the same rate.

175. Deposition by Jesse Poor, of Brickendon, one of the surveyors of the highways, who says that he caused a notice in writing to be affixed on the door of the church of the parish of All Saints, Brickendon, to the effect that application would be made to the Justices assembled for an Order for an assessment on all lands, tenements, woods, tithes, and hereditaments within the liberty of Brickendon, for the amendment and preservation of the highways within the said liberty.

176. Deposition by Cecil Proctor Wortham, of Buntingford, gentleman, that on the 14th November, 1834, he gave notice that a special sessions for the highways would be holden at the George Inn, Buntingford, on the 25th November then instant, for the purpose of diverting and turning a certain part of a public footway within the parish of Barkway, between the town of Barkway and the village of Nuthamstead, for the length of 92 yards or thereabouts, through the lands and grounds of Henry Kingston, of the the length of 82 yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of five feet or thereabouts, whereby the said footway would be more commodious to the public.

216. Depositions *re* diversion of a highway leading from the village of Tewin towards the town of Hertford. (See No. 12.)

373. Indictment of several persons to the number of 20 and more for rioting at Aspeden on the 1st April, 1835.

454. Certificate by two magistrates that they have viewed the proposed new highway in the parish of Barkway, and that the same is now completed and in good repair. (See No. 176.)

458. Certificate as to the condition of Bedwell Bridge in the parish of Essendon. The side walls have in several places cracked and bulged in consequence of the posts having been fixed in the brickwork, a considerable part of which requires taking down and rebuilding. The floor under the arch is quite decayed and gone, and requires to be renewed. The apron on the lower side is in bad order, and requires to be taken up and relaid with part new planks. The water has considerably undermined the apron, which must be filled up with clay. The wharfing at each end of the arch also requires attention. The arch at the lower side has cracked, and should be repointed and made good. The posts and rails at both sides of the bridge are in very bad condition, the coping being completely decayed in many places. Several of the posts are rotten through, and the ends of the rails are decayed. It is therefore recommended that the whole of them be cleared away, and brick parapet walls built, with brick coping fixed on the same, which repairs would amount to the sum of 76*l.*

460. Certificate by two magistrates of the completion of the diversion of a highway in the parish of Tewin. (See also No. 12.)

485. Memorial from the inhabitants of Hoddesdon: "Respectfully showeth that during the last winter seven houses in the hamlet of Hoddesdon were robbed, or attempted to be robbed. That your memorialists are oppressed by vagrants in a manner scarcely credible, there being scarcely one hour in the day that they are not seen infesting the streets of the village. Your memorialists believe that the number of vagrants seen in this hamlet is owing to the strict attention of the police of London, and to the circumstance of Hoddesdon being in the direct road from London to Hertford, Ware, and the north. Your memorialists established a night patrol, and paid a special constable during some months last

winter and spring for the security of property, and restraining vagrancy, but their exertions were rendered unavailing by having no place of temporary confinement for vagrants and other suspected persons, previous to their being carried before magistrates, and the county gaol is above four miles distant. Your memorialists propose to erect a double cage for male and female prisoners, and a house for a special constable, but they have been advised that the expense of those erections cannot legally be defrayed by a parochial rate, and that the object of your memorialists can only be attained under the authority of the magistrates, and the expenses paid out of the county rate. Your memorialists have had recourse to a private subscription, which they have found very inadequate to the purpose. The suppression of vagrancy at this point is of so much consequence to the police of the eastern side of the county, and to the protection of property, that your memorialists are induced to pray for the assistance of the magistrates so far as to order the erection of a cage, and to direct the expenses to be paid out of the county rate, which your memorialists engage shall not exceed 50*l*. In the event of the cage being erected at the expense of the county your memorialists will employ their subscription in making the other erections which, if if they can raise sufficient funds, will include a room for public meetings and for the accommodation of the magistrates upon any occasion, or should it be found expedient to hold petty sessions in Hoddesdon. And your memorialists will so regulate their parish expenses in future as to have the services of a special constable altogether applied to the police and the service of the hamlet, which with the night patrol of the inhabitants, which they propose to establish again during the winter, they hope may be the means of suppressing vagrancy, and with it preventing robberies and incendiary fires, but your memorialists fear that without aid they will be unable to accomplish the object." Hoddesdon, 22nd June, 1835.

558. Report and estimate of repairs necessary to be done to a bridge on the line of road between Hatfield and Digswell. The coping of the parapet wall on the up-stream side of the

bridge has been completely displaced, and part of the brickwork damaged, which requires to be made good with cement, the copings to be reset and well secured. There also requires an oak guardpost at each of the eight angles of the bridge, to prevent vehicles from again damaging the copings. The above works will amount to about six guineas.

559. Report and estimate of repairs necessary to be done at the county gaol. East side of roof over debtors' cell. "To strip, fur out and retile on new oak laths, the above roof, reset the ridge and make good, fix deal planem in ditto, complete will amount to the sum of 20*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* To take down the defective balustrading in No. 9 archways of the debtors' gallery, cut proper indents and build brickwork in ditto, and fix on iron copings, to board one ditto in south corner and paint the same, will amount to 19*l.* Bridewell cells. To strip and fur out the side of roof next road, fix new rates lath and part new rafters, retile the same and make good, will probably amount to 17*l.*" 4th April, 1835.

560. Estimate of repairs necessary to be done to a county bridge, situate between Hoddesdon and Broxbourne, over Spittle Brook. The wood-rails on the lower side of bridge are completely decayed and gone, and the wall under ditto has bulged, and requires to be taken down and rebuilt, and also new brick parapet coped with Hitches' patent bricks, built on ditto instead of refixing wood rails. The three abutments require repairing and making good. The brick footing on the Hoddesdon side also requires repair, and new guard-posts and rails are requisite to be fixed from the brick parapet to the gate adjoining. One of the arches is nearly stopped up, and both require cleaning out. The above works would amount to the sum of 84*l.* 7th August, 1835.

561. Remarks and queries regarding the summary of accounts of the Treasurer of the county, for the year ending 24th March, 1834, with signatures of ratepayers, and report of the committee appointed to examine into the matter.

564. Notice by the constable for the hundred of Broadwater, that a special sessions for the public highways will be

held by John Green and Vickris Pryor, Esquires, two justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, acting in the hundred of Broadwater, at the house known by the sign of "The Three Horseshoes," in the parish of Willian, on Friday, the 4th December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of making an Order for stopping up a certain useless and unnecessary public footway running over, through and along a certain close or field adjoining the farmyard of Mr. John Sworder, beginning in a public lane called Wheeler's Lane, and extending from thence to a stile leading out of a said close into a certain lane, leading to the parish of Weston, and ending in the said lane at another point, containing in breadth 3 ft., and in length 247 ft. or thereabouts, situate in the parish of Willian; and for directing the soil of the said public footway to be sold by the surveyors of the highways for the parish of Willian, to the Honourable Thomas Robert, Baron Dimsdale, whose lands adjoin thereto, if he should be willing to purchase the same for the full value thereof, if not to some other person or persons for the full value thereof, reserving nevertheless to the said Baron Dimsdale, his heirs, and assigns, in case he should not purchase the said soil, a free passage for persons, horses, cattle, and carriages through the land and soil of the said public footway, to and from the farm land and premises belonging to him, now in the occupation of the said John Sworder, according to his ancient usage thereof.

578. Report of the Visiting Magistrates on the house of correction at Great Berkhamstead.

597. The court having taken into consideration a report made by the clerk of the peace of the insufficient state of the closets in the Shire Hall, in which the Records, Rolls of Sessions and other public documents are kept, and having inspected the same order that tin boxes or chests be provided, in which the older records and papers shall be placed, and that the closets be lined with tin, and put in good repair, and that the clerk of the peace be instructed to sort and arrange the records so that they may be inspected with

more facility, and that Messrs. Daniell, Franks, Capt. Hotham, Morgan, and Carter, be a committee to confer with the clerk of the peace and carry this resolution into effect.

599. Notice respecting the diversion of part of a public highway leading from Tewin to Hertford. See No. 12.

600. Newspaper cuttings, containing advertisements respecting the diversion, turning, and stopping-up of various highways; and also advertisement *re* commencement of the Aylesbury Railway, passing through the parishes of Tring, Long Marston, Wilston, Gubblecott, Betloe and Puttenham, in the county of Hertford; and an account of a fire at Hatfield House, in which the Dowager-Marchioness of Salisbury was burnt to death.

BUNDLE FOR 1836.

2. Certificate that on the 30th Nov. last, a precept was signed for a special sessions to be held at the house of John Bates, known by the sign of "The Three Horse Shoes," in the parish of Willian, on 4th day of December, for the purpose of making an order for stopping-up a certain useless and unnecessary public footway, running over, through, and along a certain close or field adjoining the farmyard of Mr. John Sworder, beginning in a public lane called Wheeler's Lane, and extending from thence to a stile leading out of the said close into a certain lane, leading to the parish of Weston. The soil of the said unnecessary highway (247 ft. or thereabouts in length) to be sold by the surveyor of the highways for the parish of Willian, to Baron Dimsdale, whose lands adjoin thereto, or to some other person for the full value, reserving to the said Baron Dimsdale, his heirs and assigns, if he does not purchase the said soil, a free passage for persons, horses, cattle, and carriages to and from the farm, lands, and premises belonging to him, and now in the occupation of John Sworder, situate in the parish of Willian.

4. Notice by William Fuller, high constable of the division of Cheshunt, that a special sessions for the highways, will be

held at the house known by the sign of the Green Dragon, in the parish of Cheshunt, in the county of Hertford, on February 8th next, to view a certain part of a public highway in Brook Lane, leading from Flamstead End to Cheshunt Street, in the parish of Cheshunt, proposed to be diverted and turned of the length of 2280 ft. and upwards; to consider the propriety of diverting and turning the same; and to make such order therein as shall be deemed necessary. January 30th.

(*b*) Notice that the diverted highway is to go through the lands of the Governor and Company of the New River. 8th February.

(*c*) Order of the special sessions held at the sign of the "Green Dragon" in the parish of Cheshunt, to consider the diverting of part of a certain public highway in Brook Lane, in the parish of Cheshunt. The magistrates decide that the roadway may be diverted and turned so as to make the same nearer and more commodious to the public, and have viewed a course proposed for the new highway through the lands of the Governor and Company of the New River brought from Chadwell and Amwell to London. Having received evidence of the consent of the said Governor and Company it is ordered that the said highway be diverted and turned through the lands aforesaid. Plan on margin of this order, shewing the proposed new road and the old one. 8th February.

(*d*) The Governor and Company of the New River consent to the diverting of the new highway from Flamstead to Cheshunt, through their lands in consideration of the old highway being vested in them. Given under the Common Seal, 8th February.

8. Presentation that a certain bridge over the River Lee, lying and being in the several parishes of Hertingfordbury and Bayford, in the county of Hertford, on the road leading from Hertingfordbury to Essendon is in great decay, broken down and ruinous, so that the liege subjects of the King cannot pass or travel over it without great danger. The bridge aforesaid ought to be repaired and amended by the inhabitants of the county of Hertford. 4th April.

9. Notice of appeal by the Governor and Company of the New River against their assessment stating that they are rated in respect of land, covered with water. 22nd March, 1836.

17. Notice that on 17th October next, application will be made to the justices of the peace at quarter sessions for an order to divert and turn a certain part of an old highway in the parish of Hemel Hempstead, leading from the Turnpike Road at or near Frogmore End towards Leverstock Green, such part proceeding in a south-eastwardly direction to and by the side of Frogmore Mills, and from thence in a north-westwardly direction, along the bed of the backwater or stream there to the foot of the bridge, over the Grand Junction Canal, heretofore known as the Swing Bridge (subject nevertheless to a right-of-way over and along the part of the said Turnpike Road, to and for the owners and occupiers of the said mill and premises thereto belonging, and of the houses, lands and premises on each side of such part of the said old highway, with or without horses, cattle, carts, and carriages to and from their respective premises as heretofore) the course proposed for the new highway in lieu thereof, commencing at the spot hereinbefore described as the commencement of the part of the said old highway proposed to be diverted, and proceeding in a straight line over the millhead and backstream there to the spot hereinbefore described as the termination of the part of the said old highway proposed to be diverted as aforesaid, and that the certificate of two justices having viewed the same with the plan of the old and proposed new highway will be lodged with the clerk of the peace for the said county on the 16th day of September next. 4th August, 1836. Plan annexed shewing roads.

20. Certificate by Thomas Daniell and George Gould Morgan, two of His Majesty's justices of the peace for county of Hertford, that on the 18th August last, they viewed a certain public footway in the parish of Hertingfordbury, proposed to be entirely stopped up as unnecessary. The said footpath ran along two fields called Berry Fields, the property of the Honourable George Frederick Hotham, and

parallel with a lane leading from Letty Green to East End Green, both in the said parish of Hertingfordbury. The magistrates certified the footpath unnecessary and directed the surveyor to affix a notice of the fact by the side of each end of the said footway; to insert the same notice in one newspaper circulated in the county of Hertford for four weeks; and to affix a similar notice to the church door of the Hertingfordbury parish church on four successive Sundays.

These regulations having been complied with the magistrates certify the fact.

The lane is ten yards nearer than the footpath and is parallel with it. Coloured plan of lane is annexed. 13th September, 1836.

26. Notice from ten inhabitants and registered voters for the county of Hertford that at the next general quarter sessions of the peace to be holden at Hertford 2nd January next, they will represent that the number of polling places in said county is insufficient and pray that the town of Hitchin may be a polling place. 22nd November, 1836.

27. Petition of ten inhabitants of, and registered voters for the county of Hertford, that His Majesty's Privy Council may be pleased to advise his majesty to declare that the town of St. Albans shall be a polling place for the said county of Hertford, pursuant to the provisions of an Act passed in the 6th and 7th years of the reign of his present Majesty, entitled an act for rendering more easy the taking of the poll at county elections. 30th November.

405. Depositions of Samuel Williams, who says that on the 25th instant from between seven and eight in the morning until six o'clock in the evening, as certain Irishmen were passing through the town of Berkhampstead they were attacked by parties of the labourers working on the London and Birmingham Railway who set dogs upon them. About six o'clock on that evening he saw a party of Irishmen about twelve in number passing through the town, and when opposite to a beershop kept by Mary Foster which is opposite to deponent's house he saw a number of labourers (seven or eight) come out of

that house and attack the Irishmen. They first hooted at them and struck them with their fists, and as the Irishman ran away they threw stones at them and set two dogs at them which appeared to tear them. The prisoner, William Stubbs, was one of the labourers who came out of the beer-shop and appeared to be the leader of the gang. The Irishmen were very much exasperated and came back when the labourers retreated into the house, and several inhabitants of the town assembled and took Stubbs into custody. A large number of railway labourers assembled on the occasion and there was a great riot in the town.

William Morris bears out the above statement and says the Irishmen were knocked down, beaten, and kicked unmercifully; Samuel Williams bears testimony to the above likewise and was present at the taking of the prisoners. 27th July, 1836.

454. Joseph Elliott, constable, of Hemel Hempstead, deposes that in obedience to a warrant he apprehended Joseph Adams on 21st of August last. Whilst conveying him to detention in his cart he was stopped by twenty or thirty labourers, some armed with great flints and others with spades, and they threw at him and threatened to kill his horse and himself if he did not liberate the prisoner. Two of the men then pulled out their knives to kill the horse. Whilst they were round the deponent the prisoner Adams jumped out of the cart and made his escape. Deponent went after him but could not find him again until the following Sunday when he took him in his own house. Deponent does not know any of the men who rescued the prisoner. 6th September.

456. Information of John Hughes, sub-contractor of the railway, residing at Box Moor, in the parish of Hemel Hempstead, concerning Joseph Adams, charged with a riot. The said John Hughes states that on the 21st of August last he did let some work on the line of the railway at Box Moor to some men of the county who were working there about six o'clock on that morning, when they were attacked by some men who he had also employed the week before, but who had

been discharged on the Saturday night on account of their refusing to work by the piece. Those who continued to work by the piece, about 30 or 40 in number, went there for the purpose of working on the Monday morning, the 21st August, when they were attacked by those who would not work by the piece, numbering 40 or 50, who pelted them with chalk, and hooted at them and abused them and drove them from their work. Their desire was to prevent the workers from working by the piece, and compel them to return to work by the day. The workers were thus obliged to leave their work until informant had been to a magistrate and obtained the assistance of a peace officer. The party persisted in attacks for an hour and upwards, and the prisoner, Joseph Adams, appeared to be one of the ring-leaders. Thomas Greenhill, superintendent on the railway at Boxmoor, confirms the above statement. 6th September.

749. The humble petition of Richard Endersby, the elder, of Highgate, in the County of Middlesex, declaring that the said John Clark, to whom he was bound an apprentice, has not found him sufficient work, and that about twelve months since the said John Clark took to the business of a blacksmith, which he has not learnt, and insisted that his said apprentice should work at the same from seven in the evening till eleven at night. That the said John Clark on one occasion drove him from his work, kicked him violently, and desired him to go to his father for he should neither have victuals or drink with him. In consequence Richard Endersby was absent for three weeks. On going to Welwyn for the purpose of going before a Magistrate, the petitioner and John Clark met, and the latter agreed that if the apprentice returned he should not be set to work as a blacksmith again, and should be better supplied with food. On the return of the apprentice John Clark treated him worse than before. The said John Clark is a single man, and has a woman from the workhouse as housekeeper. He is frequently out drinking all night, and neglects his business in the day. The petitioner, Richard Endersby the elder, asks for the return of premium and the cancelling of indenture, or some other order relating to the case. Undated. See No. 771.

752. The visiting magistrates of the Berkhampstead Bridewell report to the court of quarter sessions at Hertford that the said Bridewell continues to be of the greatest service to this Division. 21st January.

757. The committee appointed by this county and the liberty of St. Albans to confer with the Bedfordshire magistrates on the subject of the admission of the pauper lunatics of Hertfordshire into the Bedford Asylum, met at the asylum on the 7th of November. They state that the asylum is large and substantial, in a healthy and very airy situation, with abundant space about it for any increase which may be required. The buildings cost upwards of £18,000, and it was intended to contain 67 patients, but there is so much space wasted that it would contain more without additions. There are 30 lunatics in Bedfordshire. In Hertfordshire and the liberty of St. Albans there are 60, There is room in the asylum for 90. The average expense of patients in the private asylums is about 10*s*. The Bedfordshire magistrates now propose that the pauper and criminal lunatics from the county of Hertford and the liberty of St. Albans should be taken for one year, from Lady Day, 1837, and that 1*s*. 6*d*. a week expenses should be equally borne by both counties in the proportion to the number of patients. The weekly sum of 7*s*. is fixed for the first quarter.

It must be observed that the relative number of pauper patients would probably diminish if the cases were treated while they are recent, and that there is more chance of a cure in a public asylum, where it is for the interest of all parties that the patients should be cured and discharged.

Your committee recommend that this proposal be accepted. January 9th.

771. Copy of an indenture, witnessing that Richard Endersby, junior, son of Richard Endersby, the elder, of Highgate, leather cutter, by and with the consent of his said father, doth put himself apprentice to John Clerk, of Welwyn, co. Hertford, wheelwright, to learn his art, to serve him for the term of five years.

The said John Clark, in consideration of the sum of £35,

will initiate him into the art and mystery of a wheelwright, finding him sufficient meat, drink, lodging, and all other necessaries, Richard Endersby, the elder, to supply all necessary wearing apparel and washing. 12th July. (See No. 749).

787. William Willson, keeper of His Majesty's gaol and house of correction at Hertford, certifies that the rules and regulations made by the Secretary of State of the Home Department, respecting gaols and houses of correction have been complied with as far as is stated in the form of the annual return, schedule B, and the orders of the visiting magistrates, and delivered to the clerk of the peace by me, W. Willson, keeper of H.M. gaol and house of correction, Hertford. 17th October.

790. The Rev. Thomas Lloyd, late Chaplain of the gaol and house of correction at Hertford, certifies that the duties required to be performed by the Act of Parliament were duly executed during the year ending the 29th last September. 29th October.

791. Thomas Colbeck, surgeon, certifies that in the county gaol and house of correction at Hertford there have been within the last year 79 cases of illness, but never more than four in the infirmary at one time. There has been no death this year. 29th October.

796. Certain inhabitants, householders of Berkhampstead St. Peter, in the county of Hertford, and registered voters for the said county, hereby give notice of their intention to petition His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said county, at the next general quarter sessions assembled, that His Majesty's most honourable Privy Council be graciously pleased to advise His Majesty to declare the town of Berkhampstead St. Peter aforesaid a polling place for the said county, pursuant to the provisions of an Act passed in the 6th and 7th year of the reign of his present Majesty, entitled an Act for rendering more easy the taking of the Poll at County Elections. 2nd December.

798. Certificate that the Hon. Granville Dudley Ryder and the

Rev. John Batt Bingham, Clerk, two of His Majesty's justices of the peace for co. Hertford, on the 4th day of August last did view a certain part of an old highway in the parish of Hemel Hempstead in the said county of Hertford, leading from the turnpike road at or near Frogmore End towards Leverstock Green, both within the said parish, such part commencing at the spot where the same joins the said turnpike road, and proceeding in a south-eastwardly direction to and by the side of Frogmore Mill, and from thence in a north-westwardly direction along the bed of the backwater or stream there, to the foot of the bridge over the Grand Junction Canal, heretofore known as the Swing Bridge. 15th December.

802. Report of repairs necessary to a bridge situate between Hertingfordbury and Bayford. Part of the principal bearers to the bridge have given way, and require to be taken out and replaced with new oak. The planking is in a decayed state and should be taken up, and one half laid with new planks, the remainder with planks sawn out of old bearers and such of the other old timber as is good and sound. New posts and rails are required on both sides of the bridge, and the old rails to be refixed at the ends of the same. The wharfing to be made good and the whole painted complete.

The aforesaid repairs, including moving ground and replacing same will cost 71*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.* June 28th.

962. Notice by Thomas Lloyd, chaplain of the county gaol, that it is his intention to retire at Michaelmas next, in consequence of severe and protracted attacks of gout, which made him sensible that he cannot conscientiously perform the duties of chaplain. He states that he has held the position for nine years, and incloses certificate signed by his medical adviser, asking that his services may be taken into consideration, and that such annuity may be granted him as the magistrates think proportionate to his services in conformity with the power granted by the 4th George IV., cap. 64, section 32. Signed, Thomas Lloyd, Sacombe Rectory.

Note to above that the resignation was accepted, and the election of a new chaplain made on 8th August. Application

for annuity to be considered at the next general quarter sessions. June 27th.

971. Wadesmill turnpike. Representation that the parapet walls of the county bridge near Mr. Gray's lodge are low, and consequently dangerous. — June.

972. The finance committee having taken into consideration the memorial of the parishes of Standon at the last quarter sessions, report that during the last quarter a contract for three months has been made for baking bread for the gaol at 6*s*. per sack, the former payment having been 10*s*. per sack.

973. A committee of justices having examined the treasurer's accounts report that they are correct, and that the debts of the county have been paid off during the last year, and that so large a balance remains that a considerable reduction may safely be made on the levy of the ensuing year.

They recommend that the levy should be made for the sum of 3241*l*. 8*s*. 10¾*d*., being at the rate of 3½*d*. in the £ on the rental of the county. They recommend also that the high constables' salaries in future be paid up to the 25th March, which will enable them to be included in the treasurer's account for the same year.

The number of passes presented to the overseers of the poor for the conveyance of discharged prisoners from gaols and houses of correction continues to be so great that the committee are of the opinion that the attention of the magistrates should be called to the inspection of them to endeavour to detect forgeries.

They recommend an abstract of the treasurer's accounts being printed, and a copy sent to all acting magistrates and to the overseers of the poor of every parish in the county, and to the boards of guardians of the poor.

They also recommend that all constables be directed to deliver their bills for the conveyance of prisoners to the gaol and house of correction, when they have been signed by the committing magistrate, to the clerk of the petty sessional division, to be by him formed into a schedule, and presented to the treasurer for payment at each sessions.

They recommend that the liberty of St. Albans be called

upon to repay to the county the expenses attending the maintenance of prisoners committed for offences in all parishes within the liberty.

They recommend that the repair of the Shire Hall be immediately commenced, and that the surveyor be directed to prepare specifications of the work to enable the committee to contract for its execution and advertize for tenders. Easter sessions, 1836.

974. Report that the gaol buildings are in good repair, and the prisoners healthy and orderly in behaviour. Instructions have been received from Secretary of State ordering them not to make any additions or alterations to the boundary without communicating with the Government. They are not aware that at present any are required. 4th April.

980. The like report. The prisoners, with a few exceptions, are healthy and orderly. The visiting magistrates have called a special meeting to enquire into certain irregularities stated by an Inspector of Prisons to exist in the gaol, and regret that the charges are substantiated. They have taken measures to correct all practices contrary to Act of Parliament for the regulation of gaols, and hope that it will result in a better system of discipline. Number of prisoners in gaol and house of correction, 105; 46 in latter and 59 in former. Total in last year at this time, 60. 20th June.

995. The visiting magistrates state that the number of prisoners in the house of correction is unusually small. They have directed in future that all articles for the use of the gaol shall be supplied by tender, and that the contracts shall commence from 1st January each year, and that advertisements to that effect shall be inserted in the county papers The magistrates inform the court that the Reverend Mr. Bury has by the desire of Mr. Lloyd commenced his functions as chaplain of the gaol, though by permission of the Secretary of State he does not reside within its precincts. The schoolmaster has resigned his office, and it is necessary for the court to fix the salary of his successor, and to prescribe the length of attendance required of him. An estimate of expense to be incurred in carrying into effect the improve-

ments to the treadmill recommended by one of the Inspectors of Prisons is being prepared. The visiting magistrates recommend the court to direct that tenders be sent in for printing and stationery, which forms a rather heavy item of county expenditure.

The numbers in the house of correction are 42 males and five females. In the gaol, 30 males and three females. 10th October.

998. County paper cuttings with advertisements of stopping-up unnecessary footway in the parish of Hertingfordbury; the diverting of part of an old highway in the parish of Hemel Hempstead; and the turning, diverting, and stopping-up of a certain portion of a public highway called Brook Lane, leading from Flamstead End to Cheshunt Street, through the lands of the Governor and Company of the New River.

BUNDLE FOR 1837.

4. Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April next, application will be made to His Majesty's justices of the peace assembled in quarter sessions in and for the county of Hertford, at Hertford, for an order for diverting and turning the following highways, footpath and road, that is to say, a certain highway or footpath called Brookfield Path, commencing at the alley in Cheshunt Street, in the parish of Cheshunt aforesaid, and running in a westerly direction to Flamstead End in the same parish, that part of the said highway or footpath intended to be diverted and turned, now running through lands belonging to the Governor and Company of the New River brought from Chadwell and Amwell to London, and being of the length of 731ft., and of the average breadth of 4ft., and which when so diverted and turned will run through land belonging to the said Governor and Company, and will then be of the length of 1,533ft., and of the average breadth of 6ft., and the entire length of the said highway or footpath now being 3,589ft., and the average breadth thereof 4ft., and which when so diverted and turned will be in length 4,391ft., and the

average breadth thereof 6ft. Which said footpath when so diverted and turned as aforesaid will extend to and join a certain lane at the south end of Cheshunt Street aforesaid, and therefrom will lead to Flamstead End, and will be in length 3,306ft., and of the average breadth of 6ft., the present length of the footpath commencing at the said lane and terminating at Flamstead End being 3,844ft., and the average breadth thereof 4ft.; and which footpath when so diverted and turned will also run from Cheshunt Street aforesaid to Church Lane, in the said parish, by means thereof opening a communication between the said street and lane respectively, and from the commencement thereof at the alley in Cheshunt Street aforesaid to its termination in Church Lane aforesaid will be of the length of 2,816ft., and of the average breadth of 6ft., and from the commencement thereof at the lane in Cheshunt Street aforesaid to Church Lane aforesaid, of the length of 1,731ft., and of the average breadth of 6ft.; and which footpath when so diverted and turned will also run from the alley in Cheshunt Street aforesaid, through lands belonging to the Governor and Company aforesaid, to Brookfield Lane road in the said parish by means thereof opening a communication between the said street and road respectively, and from the commencement thereof at the alley in Cheshunt Street aforesaid, to its termination in Brookfield Lane road aforesaid, will be of the length of 2,925ft., and of the average breadth of 6ft. And also a certain road or highway leading from Cheshunt Street to Flamstead End called Brookfield Lane road, within the parish of Cheshunt aforesaid of the length of 3,380ft, and of the average breadth of 28ft., and which when diverted and turned will run through the lands of the said Governor and Company, and also through lands belonging to Sir George Beeston Prescott, Baronet, and Osborne Delano Osborne, Esquire, will then be in length 3,290ft., and of the average breadth of 30ft.; all which highways, footpath and road are situate in the parish aforesaid. Dated this 26th day of January, 1837. (See also Nos. 3, 6, 7, 12, 13, 29, 766).

6. I Osborne Delano Osborne, of number 24 Soho Square, in the

county of Middlesex, Esquire, being the owner of lands described in the plan hereunto annexed, through which part of a certain highway called Brookfield Lane Road, lying between Cheshunt Street and Flamstead End, in the parish of Cheshunt, in the county of Hertford, is intended to be diverted and turned, in consideration of the land and soil of such part of the said old highway being vested in me, do hereby consent to the diverting and turning such highway through my said lands.

7. We, the Governor and Company of the New River, being owners of the lands described in the plan hereunto annexed, through which a certain highway or footpath leading from Cheshunt Street to Flamstead End, in the parish of Cheshunt, in the county of Hertford, is intended to be diverted and turned, in consideration of the land and soil of the said old highway being vested in us, the said Governor and Company of the said New River, do hereby consent to the diverting and turning such highway through our said lands.

11. Plan of footpaths diverted as above through the lands of Sir George Beeston Prescott, Baronet.

12. I, Sir George Beeston Prescott, Baronet, of Theobalds, in the county of Herts, but now residing at Paris, being the owner of the lands described in the plan hereunto annexed, through which part of a certain highway called Brookfield Lane Road, lying between Cheshunt Street and Flamstead End, in the parish of Cheshunt, in the county of Hertford, is intended to be diverted and turned, in consideration of the land and soil of such part of the said old highway being vested in me, do hereby consent to the diverting and turning such highway through my said lands.

18. Order for diverting the highway or footpath, commencing at the private road or lane called Bury Green Lane, and running thence partly in a south-easterly direction and partly in an easterly direction, past a certain farmhouse and premises there situate, and thence to the private road or lane near to the private road to Albury House, being alto-

gether in length 3,164 feet, and which, when diverted and turned, will commence at Bury Green Lane aforesaid, and be thence continued partly in an easterly direction and partly in a south-easterly direction to and terminate in the said road or lane called Theobald's Lane, near to the farmyard there, and which will then be in length 2,274 feet.

24. Whereas on the 5th day of April, 1837, at Bushey, in the county of Hertford, Thomas William Willett, one of the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Bushey, in the said county, gentleman, made application and request unto us, Nathaniel Hibbert and Edmund Fearnley Whittingstall, Esquires, two of His Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said county, to view a certain part of a certain public highway, hereinafter particularly described, situate in the parish of Bushey aforesaid, in the said county, and did at the same time produce unto us a certain order in writing for such application and request, bearing date the 5th day of April, 1837, under the hand of John Egelton, therein described to be chairman of a vestry of the inhabitants of the said parish of Bushey, from which said order it also appeared that the said inhabitants in such vestry as aforesaid assembled, agreed to a proposal made that a certain part of a certain public highway, leading from and out of the village of Bushey, in the aforesaid county, by way of Bushey Grove and Bushey Mill, in the parish of Bushey aforesaid, to the town of St. Albans, in the same county, such part of the said highway being situate in the said parish of Bushey, and containing in length 334 yards or thereabouts, and commencing between the lodge entrance of the private road leading out of the said highway to Bushey Grove aforesaid and the lodge entrance to Bushey Grange, the residence of Basil Burchell, Esquire, in the said parish (at a place where a certain small watercourse or gully runs into the said highway out of a certain close adjoining thereto on the east, called Bottom Field, the property and in the possession of the said Basil Burchell), and proceeding by and terminating about 55 yards west of the said lodge entrance to Bushey Grange, should be turned, diverted, and stopped up. And whereas on the 5th day of April,

aforesaid, we, the said Justices, in pursuance of such order, application, and request, and of the statute in that behalf made and provided, did view the said part of the said public highway, and it appeared to us upon such view that the said part of the said public highway might be diverted and turned, so as to make the same nearer and more commodious to the public. And we did thereupon direct the said surveyor to affix a notice in the form or to the effect of schedule No. 19 to the statute aforesaid annexed, in legible characters, at the place and by the side of each end of the said highway, from whence the same is proposed to be turned, diverted, and stopped up, and also to insert the same notice in one newspaper, published or generally circulated in the county where the said highway so proposed to be diverted, turned, and stopped up, lies, for four successive weeks after our said view of such public highway, and affix a like notice on the door of the church of every parish in which such highway so proposed to be diverted, turned, and stopped up, lies, to wit the parish of Bushey, aforesaid, on four successive Sundays next after the making of such view by us. Now we, the said Justices, on the 11th day of May, 1837, at Watford, in the said County of Hertford, upon due proof having been given to our satisfaction of the said order under the hand of the said John Egelton, and of the several said notices having been so published as aforesaid, and a plan having been delivered to us at the same time particularly describing the said part of the said highway (so intended to be diverted, turned, and stopped up as aforesaid), and the proposed new highway by metes, bounds, and admeasurements thereof, which plan was then and there verified by William Fellows Sedgwick, of Pullingspit, in the parish of Rickmansworth, in the said County, a competent surveyor, do hereby certify in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, that we have viewed the part of the said highway as aforesaid, and that the said proposed new highway is nearer and more commodious to the public, to wit, nearer by 22 yards and more commodious for the following reasons, that is to say, because the same is wider, and because the said part of the said old highway forms a

continuation of the above-mentioned small watercourse or gully, and has heretofore occasionally been impassable from the depth of water there flowing or being, which the said proposed new highway entirely avoids (See also No. 38, 818).

25 & 26. Similar documents.

27. Consent by Campbell Marjoribanks, of Bushey Grove, Esquire, to the making and continuing of the above-mentioned new public highway through his lands.

28. Plan of the diversion and turning of the above-mentioned highway in the parish of Bushey.

29. Plan of roads in the parish of Cheshunt through lands belonging to the New River Company, Osborne Delano Osborne, Esquire, and Sir George Beeston Prescott, Bart. (See Nos. 4 to 7).

32. Plan "for stopping and changing certain bridle and footways in the parishes of Bramfield and Stapleford, 1837."

33. Order for diverting the course of a public bridleway and for stopping up a public footway. Both the new and old course of the said bridleway, and also the said footway, lie partly in the parish of Bramfield and partly in the parish of Stapleford, both in the county of Hertford, but the county magistrates have jurisdiction over the parish of Stapleford only, Bramfield being in the liberty of St. Alban, which makes it necessary to obtain orders both at the quarter sessions at St. Albans and Hertford. There is another bridleway and three other footways included in the notice of this application, but those lie wholly in Bramfield, and no order is sought for in this court in respect of them. By the late Highway Act, 5 & 6 Wm.4 c.50, sec. 85, two justices are required to view any highway proposed to be turned or stopped up, and (on the owner of the lands through which the new highway is proposed to be made consenting thereto by writing under his hand) the said justices are to direct the surveyor to affix at each end of the highway a notice of the application to the Sessions for an order for turning or stopping up such highway, and also to insert the same notice in a county newspaper for four

successive weeks after such view, and to affix a like notice on the church door for four successive Sundays, and the said notices having been so published, and a plan of the old and new highway having been delivered to them, they shall certify the fact of their having viewed the said highway, &c. (See also No. 568).

38. Consent of Basil Burchell, of Bushey Grange, in the parish of Bushey, Esquire, to the making and continuing of a new highway through his lands. (See Nos. 24-26).

222. Recognizance of James Hilt, of 14, Half Nicholl Street, Shoreditch, to give evidence against Arthur Matton, for felony, taken at the Guildhall, London. This document should apparently belong to the City of London records. (See also No. 657).

369-382. Information of James Bush, of Buntingford, constable, and others, against John Shadd, Thomas Patman, and Edward Heycock, charged with suspicion of having stolen a quantity of lead from Buntingford Church.

568. Deposition that a notice has been duly published and affixed to the church doors of the parishes of Bramfield and Stapleford, respecting the diversion and stopping-up of a certain bridleway and footway. (See No. 33).

657. Indictment of Edward Heycock, John Shadd, and Thomas Patman, all of Layston, labourers, for stealing a quantity of lead from the parish church of Layston. (See also Nos. 369-382).

776. Certificate by Thomas Crawter, of Cheshunt, surveyor, that he has surveyed and measured a certain footpath leading from Cheshunt Street to Flamstead End, part of which is proposed to be diverted and turned, and the course proposed for a new footpath in lieu of such part thereof; and that he had also surveyed and measured a certain road called Brookfield Lane Road, also proposed to be diverted and turned, and the course proposed for the new highway in lieu thereof. (See also No. 4).

777. Certificate by George Jacob Bosanquet and Matthew Munt, Esquires, justices of the peace for the county of Hertford,

that they have viewed a certain part of a highway or footpath, called Brookfield path, leading from Cheshunt Street to Flamstead End, and also the course proposed for a new highway or footpath in lieu thereof. (See also Nos. 4 and 776).

813. Certificate by Thomas Crawter, of Cheshunt, land surveyor, that he has surveyed and measured a certain footpath, leading from Bury Green Lane to Theobald's Lane, in the parish of Cheshunt, proposed to be diverted and turned, and also the course proposed for a new footpath in lieu thereof. (Also No. 819).

814. Certificate that a certain building, situate in the parish of Berkhamstead Saint Peter, in the county of Hertford, is intended to be used as a chapel for religious worship by Protestant Dissenters from the Church of England, and of the denomination of Baptists; and request that this certificate may be registered and recorded by the clerk of the peace. Signed by the minister and others.

815. Similar document.

820. Letter from Thomas Smith to Lord Dacre and the magistrates of the county of Hertford. "I have the honor to report that the timber bridge crossing the river Lee between Bayford and Hertingfordbury is in a very dangerously dilapidated condition. The principal beams which carry the planks and gravel are considerably decayed, three are actually broken into two parts, and are only prevented falling into the stream by some temporarily piles placed for that purpose. The posts, braces, rails, and a large proportion of the planking are rotten, and must be renewed. To restore this bridge as originally will cost 97*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* The accompanying sketch [not now with the letter] shows its present mode of construction, which I beg to observe is bad, the span or bearing is 24 feet, and yet the inner beams are simply laid across the opening, the two outer ones only being trussed. This description of bridge is, I am of opinion, unfit for a public road, particularly over a river requiring a waterway of at least 24 feet. The natural liability to decay, and the repairs frequently required, renders a wooden bridge far

from being an economical mode of building, and as so large an outlay is now required to repair this bridge, I have made a design for one of a more substantial character, which I have the honour to submit for your consideration. As the soil is bad I propose not to interfere with the present piling, otherwise than by reducing the height; to excavate behind to the depth of 10 feet below the top of the present cap sill, fix the old planks behind, and form a foundation of Dorking lime concrete, 26 feet by 12 feet, and 3 feet 9 inches deep, and on this to construct a bridge of brick. I estimate the cost at 288*l*. The expense of a temporary bridge need not, I conceive, be incurred, as there can be no doubt but that for the short period required Mr. Lewis would permit carriages to pass along the old road which runs through his premises."

823. Certificate by Isaac Anthony, of Hertford, Protestant Dissenting minister. I do hereby certify that a certain building, situated in the parish of St. Andrew, in the town of Hertford, and known by the name of Cowbridge Chapel, is intended forthwith to be used as a place of religious worship by an assembly or congregation of Protestant Dissenters, and I do hereby require you to register the same, according to the provisions of an Act passed in the fifty-second year of the reign of His Majesty King George III., intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts relating to religious worship and assemblies, and persons teaching or preaching therein."

831. Letter from Thomas Smith to Lord Dacre and the magistrates of the county of Hertford.

"I have the honour to report that I have surveyed the bridge at Cheshunt Wash, which crosses the road near the 14th milestone between London and Cambridge, and have to state that it is much out of repair. This bridge is constructed with three brick arches, the protecting sides of posts, rails, and sills, with a footbridge on one side, of oak plank. The whole of the timber work is much decayed, and in a dangerous condition. The underpinning of all the arches requires reinstating in cement; the piers at each end are also dilapidated. To reinstate as at present would not,

I humbly conceive, be advisable. In lieu of timber I beg to recommend brick. To build a pier at the south-east corner, and to turn three oblique arches, as shown in the design annexed, with end piers, and cover the parapets with stout stone coping. I estimate the repairs, according to my suggestion, at 58*l*. If reinstated according to the present mode at 29*l*."

884. Certificate by two justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, that on the application and at the request of Henry Pallett and Joseph Neal, the surveyors of the highways in the parish of Stapleford in the said county, they did on the 16th day of October last view so much of a certain public bridleway, lying partly in the said parish of Stapleford, and partly in the parish of Bramfield in the liberty of Saint Alban in the said county, and leading from Stapleford aforesaid to Bramfield aforesaid, as contains in length 1,245 yards, and runs along and over certain fields called Raspberry and Bramfield Pightle in the parish of Stapleford aforesaid, then continues its course in the parish of Bramfield across a certain field called Pond field, then up so much of a lane as adjoins the eastern side of the homestall of the dwelling-house and farmhouse of George Brassey, Esquire, and then along a road on the northern side of the said homestall to the end of the same road where it opens into the high road near to the parish church of Bramfield, which said bridleway, as to such part thereof as is hereinbefore particularly described, is proposed to be stopped up, and the course of the said bridleway, from the point at which it turns in a southwardly direction over the said field called Raspberry is proposed to be diverted and turned in a westwardly direction into and through a certain wood called The Row, in the said parish of Stapleford, belonging to Abel Smith, Esquire, then across the lane hereinbefore mentioned, and then through and over certain fields in the said parish of Bramfield belonging to the said Abel Smith, called Grigg's Close, Newmann's field and Winding Shot, into the high road from Datchworth to Bramfield, which proposed new bridleway is in length 918 yards, and the whole distance from the said point of diversion along the

proposed new bridleway, and the last-mentioned high road to the point in the said road near to Bramfield church where the old bridleway terminates is 1176 yards.

On the same day they also viewed the line of the proposed new bridleway, continuing their view along the last-mentioned high road to the point near to Bramfield church, and they further certify that they did on the said 16th day of October last also view a certain public footway lying partly in the parish of Stapleford and partly in the parish of Bramfield, containing in length 384 yards, branching out of the old bridleway before described, at or near a gate in the division fence of the said fields called Raspberry and Bramfield Pightle, and near the south-eastern corner of the wood called The Row, and running from thence in a westwardly direction over the field called Bramfield Pightle, and across a field called Stapleford Close by the southern side of Row Wood into the lane at the south-western corner of the same wood, which said footway is proposed to be stopped up as unnecessary.

They further certify that it appeared to them upon such respective views that such part of the old highway before described might be stopped up, and the courses diverted and turned as aforesaid, so as to make the same nearer to the public, and that the said footway might be stopped up as unnecessary.

And the said Abel Smith the owner of the lands and grounds through which the new bridleway is proposed to be made having previously consented thereto by the writing under his hand hereunto annexed, they accordingly directed the said surveyors to affix a notice in legible characters at the place and by the side of each end of the old bridleway from whence the same is proposed to be stopped up and diverted, and at the place and by the side of each end of the proposed new bridleway, and at the place and by the side of each end of the said footway, from whence the same is proposed to be stopped up; and they also directed the said surveyors to insert the same notice in one newspaper published or generally circulated in the county of Hertford for four successive weeks next after our having

made such respective views, and to affix a like notice on the door of the church of each of the parishes Stapleford and Bramfield on four successive Sundays next after our having made such views. And they further certify that on this present 30th day of November proof has been given to our satisfaction of the said several notices having been so published, and a plan has been delivered to us at the same time particularly describing the old bridleway and the proposed new bridleway, and the said footway by metes, bounds and admeasurement thereof respectively, which plan has been verified before us by Robert Nunn, of Hertford, a competent surveyor; and we further certify that the proposed new bridleway is nearer to the public than the old bridleway by 69 yards, and that the said footway is unnecessary, because the proposed new bridleway will answer all the purposes of the said footway.

862. Certificate by the visting justices that the gaol buildings generally are in good repair, and that the prisoners throughout have been orderly and well behaved. Considering the unhealthiness of the last quarter there has been as little sickness within the walls as could reasonably be expected. The crowded state of the gaol and house of correction has drawn the attention of the visiting justices to the absolute necessity of taking some immediate steps to afford increased room for the prisoners. There are many useless buildings which may be converted into cells. By the annexed plan, which the visiting justices have procured from the county surveyor, it will be seen that additional room for prisoners to the extent of one-third more than the gaol and house of correction are now capable of containing can be provided at a cost not exceeding 100*l*. The number of prisoners in the house of correction having rendered it impossible to carry the sentences into execution, the visiting justices are compelled to call on court of quarter sessions to provide some additional means of hard labour, pursuant to 4th Geo. 4, ch. 64, s. 10. The visiting justices being of opinion that economy and discipline would be promoted by an alteration of the system of grinding wheat for the use of the prisons, they do recommend that mill power be let, and that bread be provided by con-

tract, according to the plans now in force at Maidstone and Bedford. The visiting justices have had their attention drawn to the appointments and salaries of the different officers employed in the gaol and house of correction, and being of opinion that those persons should be under their direct control, and be paid by the county treasurer, they suggest to the court to revise the whole system, and suggest a scale for their adoption. All perquisites and allowances to be abolished. The visiting justices think it right to add that the present salary of the governor is 868*l.* per annum, with an allowance of bread equal to 20*l*, making in all 888*l.* They must however observe that, had they been called on to propose a salary for a new governor, from the various enquiries they have been able to make at several other goals, &c., they could not have recommended a larger sum than 800*l.* per annum.

984. Report of the committee on the alterations at the gaol. The committee cannot abstain from submitting their doubts whether the erection of any new prison, or the costly adaptation of any old one, with a view to any particular system of prison discipline, is not, in the present moment premature. The opinions of many who have either in our own, or in other countries, devoted their attention to prison discipline, have been conflicting, and the opinions of others have been perpetually changing. The system so much extolled in America, and at one time sanctioned by the best European authorities, who never sent there to examine it, has been materially altered. In the very prison of this county, the treadmill, which was at one time considered an important improvement, and erected at a cost of about 1500*l.* is now condemned. Your committee cannot but observe that the costs consequent upon frequent changes are great and onerous, and they are felt with the greater severity, inasmuch as they are principally levied upon the landed property. These considerations have induced your committee to state their opinion that it would be highly expedient that national prisons should be established under the superintendence of Government or its Inspectors, for the purpose of determining by correct and mature experiment

the relative advantages of the different systems of prison discipline, and the committee entertains a full conviction that the result of such experiment would be immediately followed by uniformity, as well in the construction as in the discipline of local prisons. Your committee conclude by expressing a hope that their views will be confirmed by those of the Court, and that it will adopt the proper measures for submitting them to the Secretary of State for the Home Department for his consideration.

985. Report by magistrates on the county gaol and house of correction. In pursuance of the instructions received from the court of quarter sessions, the committee appointed to consider the plans proposed by the Inspectors of Prisons for the improvement of Hertford gaol and house of correction have entered minutely into the details of them. They feel the necessity of making some alterations for the purpose of carrying into effect the wholesome system of discipline recommended by the Secretary of State, but they are unanimously of opinion that every object may be answered by a very much smaller expenditure than that proposed by the Inspectors of Prisons. Indeed, in some respects from the attention which has been necessarily paid by the committee to the localities of the prison, they think that the alterations which they will have the honour to suggest before they close this report will afford superior accommodation to that which would be obtained by the very large expenditure of 18,000*l.* recommended by the Inspectors. They must also observe that this recommendation is coupled with an intimation that after the alterations have been carried into effect the legislature may direct the erection of an entirely new prison. The governor's house has already been made quite sufficient for its purpose. Since the discipline of the gaol has been improved, and since the establishment of adjourned sessions for the trial of prisoners, the number of offenders has been smaller, and the want of accommodation has been consequently less felt. The committee have reason to think that this improvement will be lasting, and they have been witheld by this consideration, as well as by the apprehension that one uniform plan of prison may be directed by the legisla-

ture, which would compel the erection of a new gaol, from recommending the whole of the alterations they have had in view to the court for immediate adoption. There is no doubt that the chapel may be made sufficient for the complete separation of the prisoners during divine service, at a comparatively small expense, and that additional cells may at the same time be obtained for the house of correction. It is possible that the circumstances may lead the visiting magistrates to advise this alteration on some future occasion but at present the committee have only to recommend to the court to authorize the expenditure of 299*l.* for the improvement of the gaol and 133*l.* for the improvement of the house of correction. Some alteration is also necessary to the privies, for which they are not at present prepared to submit a plan, but they recommend that the court should give authority to the visiting magistrates to carry into effect such alterations in this respect as they may deem necessary. In presenting their report the committee cannot but congratulate the court upon the effect of an improved system of discipline, and of the adoption of intermediate sessions for the trial of prisoners in diminishing the number of offences, and thereby reducing the expenditure of the county.

990. Newspaper cuttings, advertisements:—

London and Birmingham Railway. Opening of the line to Tring. The public are informed that on Monday, the 16th October, the railway will be opened for the conveyance of passengers and parcels from Boxmoor to the Tring station at Pendley, 31½ miles from London, including the intermediate station of Berkhampstead, distant 27¾ miles from London. The coaches will be in two classes. First-class coaches the same as at present. Second-class coaches carry four passengers on each seat, are covered, and are open at the sides. The coaches will be lighted by lamps in the inside. (List of trains and fares follows).

Notice respecting diversion of bridleway and footways in parishes of Bramfield and Stapleford. (See No. 33.)

Account of the opening of the railway to Tring. The London and Birmingham Railway Company are gradually extending their line through this county. Monday trains

were to commence running to Tring, a distance of 31½ miles from London; and on Saturday the Directors and a party of friends made an experimental trip in six carriages, and the fineness of the day contributed greatly to the pleasure of the journey. The engine having been attached to the train the carriages proceeded on their journey, and they completed the distances to Harrow by twenty-five minutes after nine, to Watford by thirty-seven minutes after nine, and to the station at Boxmoor at nine minutes before ten o'clock. The train here entered on the new line of rails. Immediately after leaving Boxmoor station there is an embankment of very considerable length and height, at the conclusion of which there is a short cutting of a few feet in depth, and a tunnel immediately follows. The tunnel is only 300 yards in length, and the inconvenience which has been complained of in passing through those at the earlier part of the railway, in the want of light, therefore, was scarcely felt. An arrangement has also now been made, with a view to remedying this defect entirely by the introduction of lamps into each carriage. This regulation it is intended shall extend to carriages both of the first and second-class, and the object is to be effected by placing oil-lamps in apertures in the roof of each carriage. At Berkhampstead a new station has been built in the Elizabethan style of architecture, which forms an agreeable relief to those at other stations, the whole of which are mere plain brick or stone erections. The train passed this station at ten o'clock precisely, and concluded its journey down without any accident or mistake by arriving at Pendley at ten minutes past ten, thus having performed the whole distance from Primrose Hill in an hour and eleven minutes. The line of rails now laid down does not extend more than 100 yards beyond the station, and concludes there in a deep cutting about 55 feet below the level of the earth, in a soil consisting entirely of chalk. The spot at which this excavation is made is the highest point of the whole line of railway from London to Birmingham, and its level is 300 feet higher than that of the station at Euston Square, a gentle acclivity, therefore, extending throughout the whole distance. The

journey, when the railroad is completed, will be performed from London to Birmingham in eight-and-a-half hours, but as soon as the rails are completed the whole distance there is little doubt that the mails will be carried in a little more than four hours, and to Liverpool in eight hours and-a-half, or thereabouts. The object of the company at present, however, is not so much to procure speed as to secure the regular passage of their carriages, and, with a view to this, means are now being adopted by which every train will be regularly timed on its reaching each station. Several extra engines are now in the course of building, and at the next opening of rails eight will be kept at all times ready to be called into work, although three only is the number now required to be used every day.

Notice *re* diversion of a footpath called Brookfield path in the parish of Cheshunt. (See No. 4.)

Notice *re* diversion of a footpath in the parish of Bushey. (See No. 24.)

Notice *re* diversion of road commencing at Bury Green-lane, and leading from thence to Theobald's-lane in the parish of Cheshunt. (See No. 18).

London and Birmingham Railway. Extract from the Directors' Report of 18th August, 1837. The report states that the number of passengers conveyed to and from London and Boxmoor have exceeded their expectations. The numbers being as follows :—On the 16th ult., being twenty-eight days from the first opening, 39,855 persons had been conveyed by the railway, being an average of 1423 per day, for which the daily receipts average 153*l.*; during the last week the daily average of numbers has advanced to 1807, and of receipts to 189*l.*

BUNDLE FOR 1838.

19. Consent of William Kay, esquire, of Tring, owner of lands called "Long Close," "Picked Close," "Little Orchard," "Great Orchard," "Knuckle Stile Close," "Dunsley Close," and "Lower Dunsley below road," through which parts of

a certain highway, and also a certain footway lying between the town of Tring and Pendley Farm homestead, are intended to be diverted and turned, to such turning and diversion in consideration of the sum of 10*s*., to be paid for the said land and soil thereof. 26th January.

20. Plan of above lands. (see also No. 26.)

21. Consent of Thomas Woodman, occupier of the above mentioned lands of William Kay, to such turning and diversion in consideration of the sum of 26*l*. 2*s*. 6*d*. 25th January.

22. Consent of John Houghton, of Sunning Hill, in the county of Berks. (agent for the Marchioness d' Harcourt the owner of the lands described in a plan annexed), to the diverting and turning of a certain highway and footpath, lying between the town of Tring and Pendley, "in consideration of the sum calculated at the rate of 60*l*. per acre, to which the excess in quantity of land to be taken over the said highway and footway to be diverted and turned as aforesaid, may amount." 27th May.

23. Consent of John Woodman, of Pendley, farmer, occupier of lands belonging to the Marchioness d' Harcourt, in consideration of the sum of 25*l*. 27th April.

24. Certificate of the stopping-up of an old bridleway leading to Bramfield, in the Liberty of St. Albans, from Stapleford, in length 1245 yards, running along and over certain fields called Raspberry and Bramfield Pightle, in the said parish of Stapleford, then continuing its course in the parish of Bramfield aforesaid, across a certain field called Pond Field, then up so much of a lane as adjoined the eastern side of the homestall of the dwelling-house of a farm-house of George Brassey, Esquire, and then along a road on the northern side of the said homestall to the end of the said road, where it opened into a high road, near to the church of Bramfield. The new bridleway through a certain wood called the Row, in the parish of Stapleford, belonging to Abel Smith, Esquire, then across the lane therein and hereinbefore mentioned and then through and over certain fields in the said parish of Bramfield, belonging to the said

Abel Smith and called Grigg's Close, Newman's Field and Winding Shot into the high road from Datchworth to Bramfield, is now completed and put in good condition and repair. 2nd April.

27 & 28. Plans of roads referred to in Nos. 22 and 23.

29. Notice that on the thirty-first day of December next an application will be made to Her Majesty's justices of the peace for an order to stop up as unnecessary so much of a certain public highway leading from Gaddesden Row in the parish of Great Gaddesden, in the County of Hertford, by Beechwood Park and Beechwood Farm, to Studham Common in the Parish of Studham, in the County of Hertford, as lies between the place where the said parish of Flamstead joins the parish of Whipsnade, in the county of Bedford, and the place where a road from Cheverells Green and Market Street falls into the said highway; such part lying and being within the said parish of Flamstead, and commencing at the said place where the said parish of Flamstead joins the said parish of Whipsnade, and proceeding in a northwardly and north-eastwardly direction by the side of Beechwood Park for the length of sixty-two yards, thence proceeding in a north-westwardly direction past Beechwood Farm for the length of six hundred and five yards and thence proceeding in a westwardly direction for the length of ninety-nine yards or thereabouts to the same spot, where a road from Cheverells Green and Market Street falls into the said highway, and being of the width of sixty feet in some part and twenty feet or thereabouts in other part. 1st November.

30. Report of a committee to whom was referred the investigation of the liability of the county to repair the two bridges at Watford, and that near Hunton Bridge hitherto repaired by the Sparrows Herne Trust, but which that trust declines further to repair. The committee considers that as these bridges are in the liberty of St. Albans, the county should not be chargeable with the repairs thereof. (Undated).

31. Appeal of Thomas Newcome, clerk, Rector of Shenley, against

the poor rate charged on the Parsonage House, glebe lands, gardens, Brickfield House tithes and other lands assessed at the total value of 1017*l.* 5s. 0d. 22nd September.

728. Indictment of Richard Blow, late of Ware, yeoman, for having unlawfully and injuriously dug, and made and caused to be dug and made, ten ditches of the length respectively of twenty feet, of the breadth respectively of twenty feet, and of the depth respectively of twenty feet, and having erected and caused to be erected ten stiles and ten gates of the height respectively of 10ft., and of the breadth respectively of 10ft., and ten stone walls of the height respectively of 10ft., and ten stone walls of the height respectively of 10ft., and having then and there erected ten mounds or banks of earth of the height respectively of 10ft., and having then and there erected 100 posts and 100 rails, and having then and there unlawfully planted and placed one thousand trees and one thousand shrubs, and having then and there ploughed up and obliterated the said common and public highway leading from Tatling Town to Farnham Hall Lane, in the parish of Ware, formerly used by all the liege subjects of our Lady the Queen. Richard Blow also stands indicted with having ploughed up and obliterated in a similar manner the old footpath leading from Tatling Town, and through, over, and along Black Bush Lane and a certain close called Cranefield into Farnham Hall Lane. 14th October.

818. Report of the visiting magistrates of the gaol at Hertford, that they are obliged to call the serious attention of the Court to the increase of commitments in comparison with those of a corresponding quarter in former years. In the house of correction they also notice a considerable increase in commitments under summary convictions, being one-sixth more than the average of the corresponding quarter of the three previous years. Independent of the increased means of providing hard labour by the erection of a crank, they report that there are upwards of 25 prisoners over and above the numbers who can work at the tread-wheel and crank (being 76), whose sentences it is impossible to carry into effect, and many prisoners who ought to be in the

house of correction are lodged in the gaol. No separation moreover can take place by day or night, and classification of the untried (as directed by the general regulations) is utterly impracticable. The want of ventilation, and the smallness of the cells in the house of correction yards, together with the general drainage, especially in the gaol, are subjects of constant complaint, though the health of the prisoners happily has not suffered thereby. The magistrates desire that the court will well weigh these circumstances, and consider whether the evils which unfortunately exist should be suffered to continue. Epiphany sessions.

888. Report of the committee appointed by the county of Hertford to confer with the Bedfordshire magistrates, relative to the reception of the pauper lunatics of this county into the Bedfordshire Asylum.

The committee report that they have repeatedly visited the asylum during the last year, and that they are satisfied with the care and management of the patients, and with the general attention paid to their health and cleanliness; they therefore recommend the continuance of the existing arrangement till a more permanent union of the counties can be carried into effect.

On the 31st March last there were :—

21	Patients	belonging to	Hertfordshire.
12	,,	,,	the Liberty of St. Albans.
38	,,	,,	Bedfordshire.
43	,,	,,	Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire, Bucks, Hunts.

Total 114.

The committee finds that there are nine lunatics belonging to the county in private asylums, and have taken measures to induce the several parishes to which they belong to remove them to Bedford. There are three pauper patients belonging to the Liberty of St Albans in private asylums. The average expense during the last year has been for rent and repairs per week, 1*s*. 6*d*.; maintenance, clothing, etc., under 7*s*. This latter sum the committee have reason to

anticipate will in future be diminished, as some charges have been included in it which are not likely to recur.

The committee recommend that a proposal be made to the county of Bedford to unite permanently with this county.

840. Report of the Justices visiting the county gaol at Hertford. They record that a vacancy has occurred in the governorship of the house of correction, in consequence of the resignation of Mr. William Willson, and the High Sheriff of the county has nominated Lieutenant G. P. Duins, R.N., to the governorship of the gaol, hereunto held by Mr. Willson. The committee upon a strict examination of the numerous testimonials presented by Lieutenant Duins recommend the Court to appoint that officer to the governorship of the house of correction, and that his salary for the two offices be fixed at 300*l.* a year, without fees or emoluments, in conformity with our Report of Easter Sessions, 1837. Notice of the resignation of the Rev. C. A. Bury, Chaplain of the gaol, owing to continued ill-health, and testimonial to the anxiety and zeal which he has displayed in the discharge of his duties. Easter Sessions.

842. Report of certain visiting magistrates, who state that John Haddocks, the keeper of the bridewell at Great Berkhampstead, is an unfit and incompetent person to take charge of the same any longer, and that this be reported to the next quarter sessions: "That it is determined that the said John Haddocks be suspended from his office, and that he must be prepared to leave the bridewell house on Tuesday, the 15th of this present month." 1st May.

846. Certificate by two justices of the peace, that on the 28th day of April they viewed, at the request of the surveyors of the highways in the parish of Tring, so much and such part of a certain highway leading from Tring to Pendley as lies between the point where the footway from Tring to Pendley crosses the same at Dunsley and the corner of Grove Shrubbery, and containing in length 173 yards or thereabouts, and in width 16 feet or thereabouts; and also so much and such other part of the said highway as

lies between the swing gate leading out of the Wingrave Road into Pendley Fields, and a spot near the boundary between the parishes of Tring and Aldbury, containing in length 638 yards or thereabouts, and of the width of 40 feet in part and of 30 feet in part.

They also viewed the said footway leading from the turnpike road, where the pound formerly stood, through and over certain lands in the same parish belonging to William Kay, Esquire, to the said swing gate, of the length of 1045 yards or thereabouts, and of the average width of 6 feet or thereabouts.

They also viewed so much and such part of a footway leading from the last described highway through Pendley Park as lies between the said highway going over the stile there, and the boundary between the said parishes of Tring and Aldbury, containing in length 170 yards or thereabouts, and in width 10 feet or thereabouts. All which parts of the said several highways and footways hereinbefore described were proposed to be diverted and turned, reserving a public footway over and along the part of the said highway herein before described.

At the same time the Justices viewed the course proposed for the new highway in lieu of all the said several highways and footways so proposed to be diverted and turned as aforesaid (the owners and occupiers of the lands or grounds through which such new highway was proposed to be made having duly consented thereto), being through, and over, and along certain closes called Picked Close, Little Orchard, and Great Orchard, belonging to William Kay, Esquire, in the occupation of Thomas Woodman, for the length of 292 yards or thereabouts, and of the width of 40 feet or thereabouts, then along the present highway from Tring aforesaid to Pendley, until the same meets the Wingrave Road, for the length of 451 yards or thereabouts, and of the width of 40 feet or thereabouts, and thence through, over, and along land of Elizabeth Sophia Harcourt, widow, commonly called the Marchioness d'Harcourt, in the occupation of John Woodman, for the length of 462 yards or thereabouts, and of the width of 40 feet or thereabouts, to

the said spot near the boundary between the said parishes of Tring and Aldbury. All which said old and proposed new highways and footways are in the parish of Tring. And proof having been this day given to the satisfaction of the Justices of the publishing of the several notices required by the statute, and the delivery of a plan to themselves, they certify that the proposed new highway will be more commodious to the public than the old highways and footways, because the same is nearly straight, and is of a very convenient width, and the old highways are in part very narrow and have four very sharp and dangerous turnings.

The Justices further certify that the said new highway is nearer as a carriage road by 515 yards or thereabouts, and is nearer as a footway by 103 yards or thereabouts.

And they further certify that the said old highways and footways proposed to be diverted and turned as aforesaid will be unnecessary and may be stopped up (reserving such footway hereinbefore mentioned to be reserved), when the said new highway shall be completed and put into good condition and repair; because the said new highway will afford to the public the same advantages and utility as the said old highways and footways, and because there will be no necessity for two highways for the same purpose. They further certify that the said highways and footways are so connected together that they cannot be separately stopped up or diverted without interfering one with another. 1st June.

856. Report of the visiting justices of the gaol and house of correction at Hertford, who state that a continued increase of crime is evidenced by the calendars during the last year as compared with former years, and though the offences are not generally of a heinous nature they are sufficient to satisfy the justices of the utility and advantage of holding adjourned sessions—without which they would have been overwhelmed with work.

Two under turnkeys have been discharged for disobedience of orders and general inattention to duty. The justices recommend the following alterations:—"The entire removal

of a range of offices together with the walls of two useless yards in front of the gaol also of two cross walls in the house of correction yards which very much impede the supervision of the men on the wheel.

"The adoption of a prison dress, and the separate confinement of prisoners before trial, as recommended in the rules etc., received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the home department. This last measure though at first sight of apparent severity cannot but be attended with the most beneficial results to the innocent and juvenile offenders."

The justices report that the "picking of oakham" has been introduced for those prisoners who from age or bodily infirmity are incapable of being set to work on the wheel, and also for females. Midsummer sessions.

859. Recommendation by the magistrates of the hundred of Dacorum of Charles Moore to be keeper of the house of correction at Great Berkhampstead. They report that they have found him, whilst temporarily filling the post, intelligent, sober, and attentive, and from his experience for five years in London as a policeman, and at Hemel Hempstead, he is in every respect qualified to perform the duties efficiently. 21st August.

866. Certificate by two justices that the new highway from Tring to Pendley is now completed, and put into good condition and repair. 21st September.

867. The visiting justices of the gaol and house of correction at Hertford report that they have made a contract with the Government contractor for a supply of clothing for the prisoners on the same footing as that adopted by the hulks. They find that the letting of the mill power interferes very much with the discipline in the house of correction and that the rent received is not sufficient to balance this evil. They suggest to the Court that the grinding of corn should be abolished and the whole of the machinery connected therewith disposed of. The justices wish to provide a sick ward for contagious diseases which can be effected at a very small expense, and for this they ask the sanction of the

Court. They recommend the Court to order that the following duties be performed by the chaplain as at all times specified, viz.: on Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas Day. Morning and evening service, with a sermon at each, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. On week days, prayers at 10 a.m. That the prisoners be visited daily in the gaol and infirmary and the house of correction as often as possible. Michaelmas sessions.

871. Report of the visiting magistrates that the Rev. Mr. Gregg, chaplain to the gaol, has ceased performing divine service, stating that he had resigned his office. No previous notice to the magistrates had been given, but the clerk of the peace has been directed to give notice in the county papers that this vacancy has occurred and to advertise for a successor. Divine service was read for some days by the governor and since by the clergy of the neighbourhood. October 15th.

882. Certificate that two justices of the peace, at the request of the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Flamsted, report that part of a certain public highway, leading from Gaddesden Row in the parish of Great Gaddesden, by Beechwood Park and Beechwood Farm to Hadham Common in the parish of Hadham is unnecessary. 30th November.

885. Presentment that Benjamin Batten the keeper of the house of correction at Hitchin, was on Saturday night, the 1st of December, at a beershop kept by Squire Day, in Hitchin, and till nearly one o'clock on Sunday morning in company with other men including two apprentices under twenty years old, and that there was card-playing in the house at the same time. It is the opinion of the Justices that the said Benjamin Batten's conduct is highly unbecoming in a person holding his office, and disqualifies him from executing the duties of it, and they therefore beg leave to submit the propriety of his removal to the consideration of the magistrates at quarter sessions. 11th December.

893. Report of the committee to whom was referred by the court at the last Epiphany quarter sessions the consideration of the evils arising from the condition as well of the

gaol as of the house of correction, with a view to the suggestion of measures for the mitigation of the same. They state that they cannot, in the existing uncertainty as to the intentions of Government or Parliament on the subject of prison discipline, undertake to recommend any alterations in the gaol or house of correction. The committee, however, submit to the court the expediency of applying to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department for suggestions with relation to improving both the arrangements of the two prisons and the discipline maintained therein. (Undated.)

894. The Finance Committee recommend that a uniform rate of allowances for the apprehending and conveying of offenders to gaol be adopted. They call the attention of the Court to the heavy and irregular charges under this heading (Undated).

1085. Report that Hadham Mill Bridge is much out of repair. A considerable settlement has taken place in the foundations of the two north-west piers, causing a separation longitudinally of the whole of the five arches for about two feet from the west side. The parapet wall and arches overhang from seven to eight inches. The progress of this settlement was some time ago arrested by the introduction of seven iron ties from side to side. Twelve feet of the parapet wall, south-east corner, has been thrown down, and the greater part of the materials taken away. The underpinning of the piers, the coping, and other parts of the west side are defective. The parapet on the east side is also out of the perpendicular, but this with a trifling repair will last for many years. The buttress of the north-east corner has been forced considerably from its position by the roots of an ash growing close to it. This tree, the property of John Adam Gordon, Esq., ought to be cut down otherwise the damage will be increased. There are other shrubs and trees growing too near to the walls of the bridge which ought also to be removed. To properly repair the bridge will cost about 132*l*. Order the repairs to be made. January 8th.

1086. Report stating that the courts have been examined for the

purpose of suggesting a mode of heating them. The only convenient plans for the discharge of smoke is to carry one flue into the chimney of the council chamber, the other into that of the room occupied by the guardians of the Hertford Union. The only spot for fixing the furnaces is in the Corn Market, which will require two spaces taken from it at the corners next the courts of 7ft. by 4ft., but only 2ft. 6in. high. The plan suggested as the most effectual, and next to gas the most economical, is by generating the heat by means of a very thick cast iron cone, supplied externally with air. The expense of warming each court upon this principle will be 55*l.* 10s. 0*d.* January 8th.

1087. Report that the repairs of the bridge at Cheshunt Wash are completed. The contractor is therefore entitled to receive the amount of his contract, 53*l.* January 8th.

1088. Report on the various county bridges and their present condition.

The following is a list of bridges referred to, some of which require repairing, the cost of which repairs will be 149*l.* 11s. 6d. :—

Aldenham (called High Bridge), do. (Medburn Bridge), Bayford Bridge, Buntingford, do. West Mill, Braughin (Gregs Bridge), do. (Ford Bridge)—brick. Berkhampstead, Little —brick and wood. Bushey Mill—brick. Bishop's Stortford (New Road), do. (South Mill)—wood. Bedwell Bridge (Essendon), Cow Bridge (Hertford), Cheshunt Wash, Digswell Water, Hadham Mill, Holwell (Essendon), Harlow—brick. Hatfield Mill—brick and wood. Hatfield and Welwyn (new), Markyate Street, do. (Feldon Bottom), Poplars Green, Spital Brook (Hoddesdon), Standon, Sawbridgeworth, Watford, Welwyn—brick. Waltham (over the Little Lee)—wood and brick. Wormley Lane, Watton Moor, Watton New Bridge brick. Wadesmill—brick and iron. Walkern—brick and wood.

Hunton Bridge, in good condition, is not here included. It was repaired a few years back by the county, but is thought to belong to the liberty of Saint Albans.

The bridge at Lemsted (?) Mills is not included, as it is

doubtful if it belongs to the county. It is out of repair, and requires about 8*l.* 10*s.* or 4*l.* being expended upon it.

The expenditure of the sum of 149*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* recommended above will prevent greater expense at a future date. April 9th.

1089. Letter from Henry Alington, of Bayley Hall, to the Right Honourable Lord Dacre resigning the office of treasurer of the public monies for the county of Hertford, a post held by him for more than half-a-century. 1st January.

1090. Notice from T. Smith, of Hadham Palace, Great Hadham, of his intention to apply for a renewal of his license for the keeping of a lunatic asylum. March 19th.

1093. Letter regarding the Sparrows Herne Turnpike Trust, stating that in consequence of the great reduction in the income of this road occasioned by the London and Birmingham railway, the trustees find that they are under the necessity of throwing upon the county the repairs of all county bridges on this road, and of 300ft. of the road at each end of such bridges pursuant to the act 22 Hen. viii., c. 5, s. 9. The trustees also request that this matter may be laid before proper authorities in order that the county surveyor or some other person may be instructed to attend to these repairs. There are three bridges on the road within this county one over the canal near Hunton bridge, another over the mill tail at the bottom of Watford, and the third over the river near the toll house at Watford, and dividing the parishes of Watford and Bushey. 6th April.

1094. Notice from Joshua Miller, maltster, that he intends to make application for the allowance or return of the duty paid by him on twelve quarters of malt destroyed by fire on his own premises at Bishop's Stortford on the 27th April last. 20th June.

1095. Letter from Messrs. Smith and Grover, clerks to the trustees of the Sparrows Herne Turnpike Road, stating that at a meeting of the trustees of this road held on Monday last, the order of the court of quarter sessions respecting the bridges on the road was taken into consideration.

They are directed to state that notice having been received by the county surveyor, of the intention of erecting the new bridge near Hunton bridge, through the hands of the clerk of the peace, without dispute as to the county being a party interested in the erection of the bridge, and the county having moreover contributed 100*l.* in or about August, 1822, towards the repair of the mill bridge at Hunton bridge *within the Liberty of St. Albans*, the trustees cannot but regard the *liability of the county as established*, and must therefore decline henceforth to repair the three bridges and 300ft. at each end thereof as described in their former letter —and they request that the matter may be again submitted to the court. 3rd August.

1097. Letter stating that the two corners of the principal entrance to the shire hall is (*sic*) greatly complained of as a nuisance. It is suggested that a drain could easily be made to carry the water into the main drain which is within a few feet of the places. Before the corners a slab of strong slate may be fixed as a blind.

1114. Report of the finance committee held January 1st, who are informed that the expense of repairing the wooden bridge at Bayford would exceed 100*l.*, and that at the expiration of about ten years it would be necessary to rebuild the bridge, and that the expense of building a brick bridge would not exceed 288*l.* The committee resolve that the erection of a brick bridge be recommended.

1116. Resolutions that the governors of the gaol be directed to inform committing magistrates of any instances of prisoners being brought to Hertford gaol in a state of inebriety, or of constables who have themselves been in a state of insobriety. Midsummer sessions.

1117. Resolution that the clerk of the peace be paid the annual salary of 500*l.*, to be paid quarterly; such salary is not to include parliamentary, chancery, common law, or conveyancing business, prosecutions, by or against the county, leases, contracts, and other extraordinary matters, all of which are to be separately paid for, nor to interfere with

the fees in respect of indictments or other matters usually received in sessions. Easter sessions.

1136. Various county newspapers and printed notices of diverting and stopping up of highways and footpaths.

BUNDLE FOR 1839.

21. Consent by Robert William Gaussen, of Brookmans, in the parish of North Mimms, Esquire, to the diversion of a certain cartway through his lands, lying between Welham Green and Water End, without being paid any consideration for the same.

22. Plan of the old and proposed new public cartway from Welham Green and Water End in the parish of North Mimms, Herts, into the turnpike road to London between Hatfield and Barnet.

23. Request by Edward Majoribanks, of Stanmore, addressed to the surveyors of highways for Bushey, requiring them to give notice to the churchwardens of the parish of Bushey, to assemble the inhabitants of the said parish in vestry and submit to them "my wish and proposal to divert and turn entirely a certain part of a certain highway in the parish of Bushey, leading from Bushey Mill to Aldenham in the liberty of Saint Alban, and also a certain highway leading to Little Bushey, of the length of 165 yards or thereabouts, commencing from a certain post in the fence towards the north, and by the side of the highway near to Bushey Mill, and ending at the commencement of the highway leading to Little Bushey, over and across part of two meadows adjoining the part of the said highway proposed to be diverted and turned, in a direct line from the beforementioned post to the same highway where the same leads into and is opposite the said highway leading to Little Bushey, as the same land is now marked out, being of the length of 127 yards, or thereabouts, and to stop up the part of the said highway so proposed to be diverted and turned; and if such inhabitants shall agree to my proposal I hereby require you to apply to two of Her Majesty's justices of the

peace acting in and for the county of Hertford to view the part of the said road so proposed to be diverted, turned, and stopped up." Notice accordingly.

24-26. Documents relating to the same matter.

27. Consent of Edward Marjoribanks, of Stanmore, in the county of Middlesex, to the diversion of a certain highway through his lands in the parish of Bushey.

28-30. Orders as to the publication of notices regarding the above said diversion.

31. Certificate by William Robberds Woodrow, of Norwich, surveyor, that the metes, bounds, and admeasurements described in a plan annexed are the true and correct metes, bounds, and admeasurements of that part of a highway in the parish of Bushey, referred to in the above documents. (See also 633).

32. The plan referred to above.

33. Plan of road in the parishes of Flamstead, in the county of Herts., and Whipsnade, in the county of Beds., proposed to be stopped up as unnecessary.

509. Depositions against Joseph Felstead and William Titmas, charged with stealing two iron rails, used for a temporary railway at Hoddesdon, the property of the Northern and Eastern Railway Company.

607. Presentment that there is a certain ancient and common public footway, leading from a certain highway, in the parish of Great Amwell, through and along a certain close of land lying and being in the parish aforesaid, towards the churchyard and church of the said parish in the occupation of William Chadwell Mylne, late of the parish of Great Amwell, gentleman, who did on the 24th June, 1839, unlawfully obstruct, efface, and stop up the said footway by then and there ploughing it up, and by erecting, setting up, and placing a certain fence composed of wooden posts and rails across a certain part of the said footway in the said close. And that there are two other public footways leading from the highway to the churchyard and church

of the said parish, which the said Mylne has also unlawfully obstructed and stopped up.

608. Presentment that there is a certain common and ancient highway, leading from the town of Puckeridge, in the parish of Standon, towards the village of Little Munden, and that on the 24th day of June, 1839, a certain part of the said highway situate, lying, and being in the parish of Great Munden, commencing at or near a certain farm called Paddock's-end farm, and leading thence in the direction and by the eastern side of a certain messuage called the Old Parsonage, and the farm belonging thereto, into a certain common highway leading from the village of Great Munden to the village of Little Munden for the length of 156 poles, and being of the mesne or average width of 20 feet or thereabouts, is very ruinous, miry deep, broken, and in great decay for want of due reparation and amendment, and that the inhabitants of the parish of Great Munden ought to repair the same.

693. Certificate respecting the diversion of a highway in the parish of Bushey, leading from Bushey Mill to Aldenham. (See Nos. 23 to 31.)

694. Certificate by the visiting justices of the county gaol and house of correction. "The clerk of the peace having forwarded to us a copy of the rules and regulations which this court had at the Epiphany sessions directed to be sent to the Secretary of the Home Department for his approval, and which has been confirmed, we have proceeded to carry into effect the orders of the court respecting the alterations and improvements therein recommended for carrying out the modified system of separate confinement before trial In the gaol the work is considerably advanced, and that in the house of correction will be commenced without delay. We cannot but congratulate the county on the adoption of the plans now in progress, by which ample accommodation will be provided, and an improved system of discipline carried out, at a comparatively small expense."

716. Certificate by the visiting justices of the gaol and house of

correction at Hertford. The alterations and improvements as ordered by the court at the Epiphany and Easter sessions are in progress. Those in the gaol are completed, and those in house of correction and the chapel in an advanced state. The mill has been disposed of. As we observe with regret that a proposition is about to be submitted to the court that no adjourned sessions for the trial of prisoners shall be held in future between the Midsummer and Michaelmas sessions, we cannot refrain from once more expressing our opinion on the advantages derived from intermediate sessions, short confinement before trial, speedy punishment following the commission of the offence, and a material relief to the gaol, and a consequent saving in the expenditure thereof, and we hope the court will pause ere it sanctions an alteration in the present system of holding adjourned sessions, which it must be obvious are attended with the most beneficial results."

719. Certificate by two justices of the peace respecting the diversion of an old cartway in the parish of North Mimms, that the proposed new cartway is more commodious to the public, being a nearer way to London by 220 yards.

754. Petition, addressed to the magistrates of the county of Hertford:—We, the undersigned, beg leave very respectfully to represent to you that we have seen with regret a recommendation by the visiting committee of the Hertford gaol to pull down and sell the machinery for grinding corn there erected at a cost of 1500*l.* to the county, and which will probably not sell for more than 100*l.* or 200*l.* Your memorialists wish to state that corn has been ground in the last year for 115 persons, and small grists for 200 others, including small grists for many poor persons gleaning corn, and that they have been greatly accommodated by having corn ground by this machinery, worked by those persons sentenced to labour in the prison, and which corn they could not have had ground otherways. Your memorialists (at the same time that they acknowledge the discipline of the prison to be a primary object) hope you will consider whether the machinery may not be retained, and yet the discipline of the

prison sufficiently enforced, as they beg to assure you that considerable inconvenience will be felt by its removal.

765. Estimate for repairs necessary to various bridges in the county.

929. Letter from Messrs. Smith and Grover, of Hemel Hempstead, to the Clerk of the Peace for the county of Hertford *re* the Sparrows Herne Road. We have not yet received the order of the court of quarter sessions referred to in your letter of 5th November. The trustees of this road find no reason to depart from their resolution to decline any further repairs to the road over the three bridges at Watford and Hunton bridge and for 300ft. at each end thereof, as communicated to you in our letter of 3rd August last, and they have directed their surveyor to put up at the extreme boundary of each such distance of 300ft., a post to mark the place where the liability of the county commences. 27th November.

949. We William Franks and Thomas Mills, Esqs., two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace for the county of Hertford, do by virtue of the provisions of an Act of Parliament passed in the ninth year of the reign of King George the Fourth, intituled "an Act for the better regulation of divisions in the several counties of England and Wales" hereby state that in our opinion the parishes of Bishop's Hatfield and North Mimms, and the parish or township of Totteridge, now respectively within the divisions of Bishop's Hatfield and Great Berkhamstead or one of them, ought to be annexed to the division of Hertford for all purposes mentioned or referred to in the said Act. And we further state that the said divisions of Bishop's Hatfield and Great Berkhampstead and Hertford will be the only divisions altered by the change of the said parishes of Bishop's Hatfield and North Mimms, and the said parish or township of Totteridge from the said divisions of Bishop's Hatfield and Great Berkhamstead, or either of them to the said division of Hertford. 26th August, 1839.

969. Newspaper cuttings, containing advertisements respecting diversions of highways.

BUNDLE FOR 1840.

260. Certificate of the posting of notices referring to the proposed new cartway, and the diverting and turning of the old cartway, in the parish of North Mimms, 18th May.

261. Plan of the proposed alteration of roads in the parish of North Mimms. (See also No. 426).

416g. Notice that on the 6th day of April next, an application will be made to Her Majesty's justices of the peace assembled in quarter sessions at Hertford, for an Order to stop up as unnecessary a certain public highway called Pudding Lane, leading from Piccott's End to High Street Green, all in the parish of Hemel Hempstead, commencing at the southern corner of the orchard adjoining and belonging to the messuage or tenement in the occupation of Mr. George Thorpe, at Piccott's End aforesaid, and terminating at High Street Green aforesaid, and being of the length of 1 mile and 4 furlongs, and of the width of seven feet in part, and of ten feet in other part or thereabouts (reserving nevertheless to and for the occupiers for the time being of certain pieces of arable land, called Common pieces lying on the south-west side of the said lane, and belonging to Sir Astley Paston Cooper, Baronet, and Lady Glamis, respectively, and of a certain close of land called Broad Marefield, adjoining to the said Common pieces of land, and belonging to the said Sir Astley Paston Cooper, and of the several pieces abutting on each side of that part of the said lane which lies between the said Common pieces and Piccott's End aforesaid, such part containing in length 986 yards, and in width 10 feet, or thereabouts, a private carriage and drift way through, over, and along such part of the same lane to and from their said several lands as heretofore used and enjoyed by them respectively; and that the certificates of two justices having viewed the same,

with the plan of the said highway will be lodged with the clerk of the peace for the said county on the 7th day of March next.

418. Certificate of a notice having been duly published respecting the stopping up of a highway called Pudding Lane, in the parish of Hemel Hempstead.

419. Certificates by two magistrates respecting the stopping up of the above-mentioned Pudding Lane, and that there is another public highway called Two Beeches Lane in the same parish, which is straighter, wider, shorter and more commodious to the public than Pudding Lane.

420. Plan of Pudding Lane and Two Beeches Lane.

426. Consent by Robert William Gaussen, of Brookmans, in the parish of North Mimms, Esquire, being the owner of lands, through which a certain public cartway lying between Welham Green and Water End in the said parish, and the turnpike road from Hatfield to London, is proposed to be diverted; and to the continuing such new cartway through his said lands without being paid any consideration for the same. (See Nos. 260 and 261).

444. Certificate by two magistrates respecting the diversion of part of a public cartway, lying between Welham Green and Water End in the parish of North Mimms, and the turnpike road leading from Hatfield to London, and that the proposed new cartway in lieu thereof, is more commodious to the public, being a nearer way to London than the old cartway by 892 yards.

451. Report of the visiting justices of the gaol, that the conduct and health of the prisoners has been good, and that satisfactory discipline and management has been observed.

They declare that the alterations and improvements as ordered by the county are completed, and that several suggestions thrown out by the inspectors of prisons have been adopted. One serious evil yet remains to be removed which they are apprehensive may prove injurious to the health of the prisoners. Attention has been called in former reports to the constant dampness of the airing yards during

the winter months, arising from the low situation of the prison and the impossibility of keeping the gravel in a fit and proper state for daily exercise. It is the unanimous opinion that the yards should be paved, a measure before recommended, and one which the inspectors of prisons frequently allude to in their reports. Epiphany Quarter Sessions.

572. Notice from James Smith that it is his intention to apply at ensuing quarter sessions for a renewal of his licence for the Lunatic Asylum at Hadham Palace, Great Hadham. March 26th, 1840.

578. Letter from William Hunter, stating that—as he does not reside at the premises at Hemel Hempstead, and only pays taxes for them as a manufactory, and, being liable to serve on the grand jury and the special jury for the county of Middlesex, where he actually resides—he presumes that he is exempt from serving on the jury for the county of Hertford. — April.

575. Report that South Mill bridge, near Bishop's Stortford, requires considerable repair. The whole of the timbers are very much decayed. The cost of repair is estimated at £54 10s. 0d. Several other bridges require trifling repair. April 13th.

589. Resolution of a committee: firstly, that it is expedient to render the constabulary force of the county more effectual; secondly, that an establishment of a body of constables, limited in number by the magistrates according to their view of exigency of the case, and disposable at any point of the Shire where their services might be required, would be highly desirable. Thirdly, that the cost of such a body of constables should be paid in some proportion by the public, and in a greater proportion by the county, and it is the opinion of the court that the amendment of the 3rd and 4th William IV., cap. 90, by rendering its operation compulsory and universal, together with such machinery as shall appear necessary to give union to the force would meet the exigency of the case. The Committee postpone for further consideration the mode of carrying such alterations into

effect, and recommend communication with the Secretary of State on the subject. Epiphany Sessions.

590. Report of magistrates visiting the gaol that condition of inmates and buildings are satisfactory. They recommend that the salaries of inferior officers of the prison shall increase, so that they advance progressively with their years of service. Midsummer Sessions.

592. Oath of Robert Horatio Drummond, that he will make due and true returns as Inspector of Corn Returns for the town of Hertford. 16th April.

598. Resolution that a gratuity of fifty pounds be presented to the surveyor of the county for extra services in the recent alterations and improvements in the gaol and house of correction, and also to cover the expenses of preparing the various plans and estimates as required by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

599 Resolution that a committee be appointed to confer with the committee of St. Albans on the expediency of a union with the Liberty of St. Albans.

605. Request to Mr. Marsh to move the Court to make an order to divert and turn and to stop up the part of the highway near Bushey Mill in the parish of Bushey, mentioned in the certificate of the justices which is lodged with the clerk of the peace for the county of Hertford. Spring Quarter Sessions.

BUNDLE FOR 1841.

19. Notice of Appeal by John Heard, farmer, of the parish of Great Amwell, against an unjust conviction by the Reverend Henry Law, clerk, and the Reverend Nicolson Robert Calvert, clerk, of the said John Heard, for fishing in private waters in a certain stream in Great Amwell. The said John Heard contends that the conviction is unjust, informal, and void, and that the stream of water, and the said water respectively, were at the time of the alleged offence common and public water, in which all liege subjects of the realm had and still have a public right of fishery. 29th July.

21. Notice of Appeal by John Tucker, of the Cherry Tree Tavern, in Bishop's Stortford, against a refusal of licence for the sale of excisable liquors to be drunk on the premises. 30th August.

712. The magistrates visiting the gaol report that the number of prisoners in the house of correction is increased since the preceding winter, principally owing to the large proportion of poachers now in confinement. They also call the attention of the court to a notice for a proposed railway to the town of Hertford, the terminus of which, as shewn by the plan, will be within a few chains of the gaol. This they consider would be tending to materially lessen the good effects which must result from the separate system of imprisonment, which depends on the prisoners being kept from all noise and disturbance. 4th January.

723. Certificate of the diverting, turning, and stopping up of part of a certain public highway and footway, leading from the village of Bushey in the said county through the churchyard and church mead of the said parish of Bushey, towards and into Oxhey Lane in the parish of Watford in the Liberty of St. Albans, such part being of the length of one thousand and thirty yards and a half, and wholly situate within the said parish of Bushey, and commencing at the point where the said highway leaves the said church mead and enters into a certain close of land, the property of Thomas George Fonnereau, Esquire, in the occupation of Nathaniel Hibbert, Esquire, called Simm's Mead and proceeding across the said last-mentioned close into a certain lane or road called Merry Hill Lane, otherwise Haydon Lane, and proceeding up the said lane in the direction of Merry Hill to the corner of, and into a certain other close of land, also belonging to the said Thomas George Fonnereau, and in the occupation of Nathaniel Hibbert, called Lower Haydon Hill, and continuing across the said last-mentioned close, into and across a certain other close of land called Rush Mead, and thence into and across a certain close of land, the property of Sarah Noyes, called Gully Field, to the point or spot at which the said highway leaves the said last-mentioned close

and enters into another close of land in the said parish of Watford, adjoining Oxley Lane aforesaid. The new proposed highway and footway in lieu of the aforesaid old highway and footway, being of the length of one thousand and twenty-seven yards and a half, and also wholly situate within the said parish of Bushey, and commencing at the spot described as the commencement of the old way, and proceeding in a straight line in a southwardly direction across the said close of land called Simms' Mead, and proceeding into and across the said last-mentioned close, and the said closes called Rush Mead and Gully Field to the spot hereintofore described as the termination of such part of the said old highway. 10th November.

724. Certificate of the completion of the turning, diverting, and stopping up of a certain highway in the parish of Bushey, leading from a certain place called Bushey Mill to Aldenham in the Liberty of St. Albans, and also to a certain highway leading to Little Bushey, of the length of 165 yards or thereabouts, commencing from a certain post in the fence towards the north and by the side of the said highway near to Bushey Mill, and entering at the commencement of the said highway leading to Little Bushey, and that the same should be diverted, turned, and stopped up, and that the same should be diverted and turned over and across part of two meadows adjoining the part of the said way so ordered to be diverted and turned and stopped up in a direct line from the before-mentioned post to the same highway where the same leads into and is opposite the said highway leading to Little Bushey aforesaid, as the same land was then marked out being of the length of one hundred and twenty-seven yards or thereabouts. 16th March.

785. The visiting justices of the gaol recommend the formation of eleven extra cells. They state that they have presented a Petition to the House of Commons against the close proximity to the gaol of the intended railway terminus of the north and eastern line. The governor of the gaol has asked for an allowance of coals and candles (as it appears is customary in many prisons). The visiting magistrates

recommend the allowance of £40 per annum in consideration of the excellent abilities of the governor. Easter Sessions.

786. The Committee of Finance draws attention to the disproportionate assessment of the different parishes in the county of Hertford which require supervision. Easter Sessions.

780. Report of the chaplain of the gaol commenting on the great ignorance of the majority of the prisoners, and the propriety of introducing a schoolmaster, and a regular system of education. The chaplain remarks that one-third of the aggregate number of prisoners are unable to read at all; whilst, of the remaining two-thirds, but few could do so with sufficient facility to comprehend what they read. October 18th.

950. Report of the Surveyor that New Bridge at Puckeridge is in a very dilapidated condition. The coping, which is of wood as well as the protecting posts and rails are quite decayed and dangerous. The arch is much shaken and cracked, and on the north side has separated from the parapet. It will the surveyor thinks with one repair last for a few years longer. Instead of wood he advises that the coping be restored with brick or stone. The fencing must be renewed. The cost of this repair will be about £54.

The repairs ordered by the court to be done to the bridge at South Mill have been delayed in consequence of the report that the railroad would effect it. It has now been ascertained that this will not be the case. April 12th.

BUNDLE FOR 1842.

33. Resolution that the plan presented by the County Surveyor [presumably for the Shire Hall at Hertford] be adopted, and that additional rooms be made fireproof, to contain the records of the county.

38. Resolution that in consideration of the additional duties of clerk of the peace arising out of the establishment of the county police, a salary of £35 a year be paid to him out of the police rate, commencing from Lady Day, 1841.

42. Resolved that the salary of the county surveyor be raised from fifty pounds to seventy-five pounds a year, to commence at Michaelmas, 1842.

329. Articles of the peace exhibited by Sarah Wicks, wife of Thomas Wicks, of the parish of St. Andrew, Hertford, gentleman, against her husband through fear of death or of receiving great bodily harm. Exhibitant, who states that she has been married to the said Thomas Wicks for the space of 11 months has during that period received much illtreatment without any provocation whatever. On Sunday evening the twenty-fourth of October last past the said Thomas Wicks was, without any provocation from exhibitant, violently angry with her and followed her into a room upstairs in his dwelling-house and as exhibitant was in a standing posture went behind her and several times forced his knee against her person in a very violent manner, and then took hold of her cap and hair and endeavoured to lift her up by them. Her said husband afterwards threw her to the floor and took a bottle of gin out of the cupboard and rubbed her face with the gin until her face became very hot and painful. The said Thomas Wicks then flew at exhibitant and twice wrung her nose and spat in her mouth and right ear, and said he would give her such a pill as she would never swallow and hoped that he would see her lie dead in half an hour. Epiphany Sessions.

342. Description of a labourer as wearing a new dark smock frock worked with white and a black beaver hat.

397. Deposition of William Price regarding Lydia Badricks, charged with having made away with certain plait. Accused had been in the habit of making plait for deponent and was paid as she brought it. On Wednesday morning last she was given two score and a half of plait which was worth at least 2s. 6d. to cut. 11th March.

935. Report that prisoners have been brought to Hertford gaol in a state of great inebriety. 3rd January.

936. Recommendation that since the introduction of the rural police into the county the utility of the bridewell, as a place

of punishment for prisoners, is greatly diminished, and might with advantage be made over to the police for a lock-up house. January 4th.

940. Report of a committee called to enquire into the duties, emoluments and securities of high constables. The committee find that great inequality exists in the matter of duties, emoluments, and securities of the aforesaid high constables. Their salaries vary from £6 to £9.

950. Report of Chief Constable of Hertford, who states that since the police force came into operation, sixteen hundred and forty-two persons have been charged by the police before a magistrate, eleven hundred and eighty have been convicted. The chief constable has no means of comparing the state of crime now with what it was prior to the establishment of the rural police, but he states that in the Hatfield Division comprising the parishes of Hatfield, North Mimms, Harpenden, Sandridge, Wheathampstead, Ayot St. Peter, Ayot St. Lawrence, Welwyn, Essendon, and Berkhampstead, containing an area of fifty-five square miles, only two sheep have been stolen.

No members of the force have been reported for inattention or incivility, and there are many testimonials in favour of individuals. Two thousand four hundred letters have been received by the Chief Constable during the year and more than that number have been written. 31st March.

956. The visiting magistrates report that the gaol and house of correction and the buildings generally are in a good state of repair and the prisoners healthy. They call the attention of the Court to the fact that the county prisons are not insured from fire. Easter Sessions.

957. Certificate that all bridges with the exception of Waltham bridge are in a state of good repair. That of Waltham crossing the river Lea requires considerable repair, which should be effected in conjunction with the county of Essex, in which one-half of the bridge is situated.

The new bridge at Puckeridge is now completed satisfactorily. April 18th.

962. Report of the committee regarding the expenses of the police force. The expenditure for eleven months and the probable sum for the concluding month makes in all a total of about £5851 8s. 5½d. Easter Sessions.

979. Report of a committee stating that in the Bedfordshire Pauper Lunatic Asylum there are forty-eight imates belonging to the county of Hertford. June 28th.

980. The magistrates visiting the gaol report that the premises are now insured from fire for the sum of £10,000 in the Sun Fire Office, and the policy is ordered to be deposited among the records. June 28th.

981. Certificate that the roadway running from Stanstead Abbot to Hunsdon, in the county of Herts., commencing in the parish of Stanstead Abbot, at the south-west corner of a field called the Paddock, and terminating in the said parish of Hunsdon at or near an angle on the north-west side of a field called Four Acre Field, being of the length of 1496 yards or thereabouts has been diverted in a north-eastwardly direction and now goes through the said field called the Paddock, another field also called the Paddock, other fields called Sheep, Ramsted, Duffers, Croft, Home Field, Yew Tree Field, Hilly Field, the Park, and the said field called the Four Acre Field, for the distance of 1483 yards of which several fields Felix Calvert, Esq., is the owner. Certificate also that a certain other portion of the aforesaid highway lying between Stanstead Abbot and Hunsdon, commencing at the gravel pit in the parish of Hunsdon, and terminating at the northern extremity of a field called Sprats Field, and being in length 550 yards or thereabouts, has been diverted in a northward direction through the said field called Sprats Field, for the distance of 401 yards or thereabouts, of which the said Felix Calvert is the owner. 3rd August.

982. Order for the turning and diverting of a footpath, leading from and out of the public carriage road of the length of 1 mile, 1 furlong, and 138 yards from Bushey to Bushey Mill, in the parish of Bushey through certain closes of land the property of Stewart Marjoribanks. 16th August.

999. Report on the satisfactory state of certain repairs and enlargements made to the county gaol amounting to the sum of £3860. October 18th.

1000. Report of the chaplain of the gaol advising some course of instruction for prisoners which would tend towards the furtherance of moral and religious improvement among the inmates of the prison. The chaplain remarks on the deplorable ignorance pervading the great mass of prisoners, and considers that the eager desire for books displayed by all who can read, forms an additional argument in favour of the instruction suggested. He comments on the ostensible if not avowed object of the press to inflame the public mind by exciting an unfair prejudice against the system of separate confinement, the advantages of which he is strongly convinced of. — October.

1018. Order for the diverting of portion of highway lying between Stanstead Abbot and Hunsdon. 9th November. See No. 981.

1262. Letter from County Surveyor, stating that the dilapidated condition of the bridewell at Great Berkhampstead and also that at Buntingford render repair and conversion quite out of the question. The building at Hitchin can be made available for the purposes required. The writer is of the opinion that the rental for the three houses when altered, to be paid by the police, should be £54 per annum.

The county of Essex has repaired its own half of Waltham bridge, independently of the county of Hertford which other half now, under the circumstances, should be undertaken. The cost will be about £35 to £40 to render the bridge substantial for some years. Had the county of Essex united with the county of Hertford, a more satisfactory result would have been brought about. Michaelmas.

1283. Consent of Stewart Marjoribanks, of Bushey Grove, to the stopping up of footway referred to in document 982.

1284. Plan of above footway through the lands of Stewart Marjoribanks.

1285. Plan of road from Bushey to Bushey Mill. See document 981.

BUNDLE FOR 1843.

24. Notice of a police rate of three halfpence in the pound (undated).

31a. Plan of road through Mr. Abel Smith's land.

210. Deposition of John Holmes, landlord of the "Merry Month of May," at Bushey, concerning James Eaton and Joseph Blake charged with uttering a counterfeit halfcrown. 2nd January.

664. The Chief Constable in laying his report before the Court of Quarter Sessions states that six hundred and forty nine persons have been apprehended and summoned during the past quarter of whom four hundred and seventy-seven were convicted. During the last quarter sixteen sheep have been reported to the police as stolen in the county, and nine persons have been committed for trial for sheep-stealing, of whom six have been sentenced to transportation. During the corresponding quarter of 1840, upwards of 80 sheep were reported to have been stolen in the county, and no person was brought to trial for sheep stealing. January 3rd.

666. By the report of the Police Committee on the yearly costs incurred by the county police in various counties Hertfordshire is proved to compare most satisfactorily with other accounts, the yearly expenditure being £6258 including charges incident to the first year and purchase of outfits, etc., excluding these £4834.

695. Recommendation by the visiting justices of the gaol of an increase and improvement of the methods of instruction of the prisoners under the superintendence of the chaplain. A schoolmaster would be required for about four hours in the day, to instruct the prisoners selected by the chaplain for that purpose. A considerable moral and religious effect has been found to follow this system wherever tried. The justices also recommend the introduction of certain manufactures as an employment namely, picking of oakum, the picking, carding, and spinning of wool, matmaking of three kinds, and the knitting of stockings and caps and jackets.

The inspector of prisons has strongly urged the necessity of a residence for the chaplain close to the prison, and the justices recommend the purchase of a site for the purpose. April 4th.

709. The visiting justices have procured tenders for the execution of the building of the chaplain's house, amounting to £1060 18s. 6d., including all fixtures, painting and papering. They earnestly recommend the court to order the house to be built as a fit mode of increased remuneration to the chaplain for his services, and to enable him the more fully to promote the religious improvement and moral influence of the prisoners. For the attainment of those great objects no efforts can be too great. The visiting magistrates have communicated with the governors of Christ's Hospital regarding the purchase of a site for the Chaplain's house on the west side of the prison walls. The governors are willing to sell a sufficient quantity of land (about half-an-acre) at the rate of £210 an acre viz., about £100. Midsummer.

721. The Police Committee report that it has been represented to them that great advantage would accrue to the county by appointing officers of the police force to be inspectors of weights and measures. As such officers would act without additional pay there would be a considerable saving in expense. Michaelmas Sessions.

722. The finance committee are sorry to report that one high constable (Randall) is a defaulter in his payment of the levy made at Easter, 1843, to the amount of £70. They recommend that he be dismissed from the office of high constable, and that the treasurer of the county be instructed to take the necessary measures and proceedings for the recovery of the sum due. They also recommend that a successor be appointed with sufficient sureties. Michaelmas.

724. The magistrates visiting the gaol and house of correction report that the school which has been opened about two months is very successful, and that the Chaplain's house is rapidly advancing. Michaelmas.

734. Report of the Chaplain regarding the success of the more

humane system of prison treatment which has lately been adopted. He has constructed a plan of education based on that in use at Lewes gaol which he has visited for the purpose of comparison. The chaplain is averse to the use of the treadmill as tending to debase the prisoners, and recommends its use only in cases of the most hardened offenders. 10th October.

785. The chief constable begs to suggest a plan for the better suppression of mendicancy throughout the county. He suggests that all persons presenting petitions or begging letters should be referred to himself or to the nearest superintendent or inspector of police, the petition or letters being forwarded at the same time by post or otherwise to the officer to whom reference is made, when an immediate enquiry as to the circumstances and the character of the applicant shall be instituted, and the result thereof made known to the party making the reference. By this means many worthless characters and offenders, who to avoid the police have left their own neighbourhood and obtained a livelyhood among the charitable in districts where they are unknown, will be driven from the county, while those who are conscious that their cases can bear investigation, must rejoice in the opportunity of having the truth of their statements certified by an enquiry, pending which the police are instructed to afford such temporary assistance to the applicants as may be absolutely required. October.

787. Order for the turning and diverting of part of a certain public carriageway in the parish of Sacombe, leading from the village of Sacombe to the village of Bengeo. The said carriageway it is proposed shall be turned in a south-westward direction from a certain point in a field called Lady Wells, in the parish of Sacombe, belonging to Abel Smith, Esq., over the same field and certain lands in Girth Common Field, in the same parish, also belonging to Abel Smith, into the new turnpike road between Ware and Watton, by a turnpike road, in the direction of Ware for six hundred and twenty-one yards, and half another yard or thereabouts, and then turning and proceeding by the south side of the

same road along the course of the old Turnpike Road, there for one hundred and four yards and half another yard or thereabouts, and then continuing in the same direction over two fields called Blackmoor Field and the Ten Acres, situate respectively in the parish of Bengeo, and belonging to Mr. Edward Mardell, by a course of five hundred and twenty-eight yards, and then continuing in the same direction over a field called Hawkins Field in the said parish of Sacombe, belonging to the said Edward Mardell by a course of fifty-five yards or thereabouts, and then proceeding in the same direction over a field called the Nine Acres in the said parish of Bengeo, and belonging to the said Edward Mardell by a course of sixty yards and half another yard or thereabouts, into the present carriage-way, between the said villages of Sacombe and Bengeo. 27th November.

740. Consent of Edward Mardell to the diverting and turning of carriage-way between the village of Sacombe and the village Bengeo. 28th October.

745. Petition of ratepayers in the district of the parish of St. Michael in the Liberty of St. Alban who represent, firstly, that the whole of the district of their parish is agricultural and thinly peopled. Secondly, that in such a district no police force can be adequate to the prevention of depredations or other offences. Thirdly, that the said district is now charged with the payment of the half-yearly sums of £61 9s. 0d., and £51 4s. 2d., making in all the sum £112 13s. 2d. for the maintenance of the police constables established in this county.

745. Petitioners state that no advantage has been derived from the establishment of the police in any way adequate to the payment, and that the depreciation of agricultural produce has increased the real cost of such force and decreased petitioners means of payment. They are of the opinion that parochial constables at a small salary and with proper additional remuneration by fees for services rendered, and an officer resident at the place of holding each petty session would be sufficiently effective and more satisfactory to the ratepayers of this county as a constabulary force. The

petitioners therefore, respectfully petition the abandonment. The signature of Lord F. Beauclerk, D.D., vicar, heads the list. Undated.

758. Report of the Committee appointed to consider the best mode of disposing of the three bridewells at Buntingford, Berkhampstead, and Hitchin. It is recommended that the bridewell at Buntingford and the site of it be sold by public auction. Its value is supposed to be at least £250. The state of the building is such that no use can be made of it as a police station without rebuilding at great expense, though the committee are aware that some such building is required as a station for that district.

The bridewell at Hitchin is fit for a police station with some trifling alterations which are necessary of which a plan is annexed and an estimate amounting to the sum of sixteen pounds. The rent ought to be ten pounds. The bridewell at Berkhampstead would be very fit for a police station with some alterations, which are absolutely necessary, of which an estimate is annexed amounting to the sum of fifty-four pounds ten shillings. The rent ought to be ten pounds. The above alterations at Hitchin and Berkhampstead would render those two houses fit for police stations, to which prisoners might be remanded before commitment—but they are not fit for prisoners under any sentence however short.

Female attendance for female prisoners would be required and also a supply of bedding. The prisoners should have some means of washing, and some regular mode arranged for the supply of food.

The committee recommend that the two bridewells at Great Berkhampstead and Hitchin be offered to the police committee as police stations on the terms and conditions above stated, and that the police committee be requested to report their decision thereon to the adjourned sessions. If the two bridewells be not considered suitable by the police they should be sold by auction. Undated.

922. Report on the inmates of Much Hadham Asylum. There are seven males and six females.

Among the list of names are those of John Tharp, husband of the Rt. Honble Lady Hannah Charlotte Tharp admitted 1817, William Thomas Toke son of the Rev. W. T. Toke, Mary Alston wife of Rev. V. T. Alston, Mary Ann Colebrook, of Bath, sister to Lady E. S. Colebrooke, admitted 1833. Undated.

BUNDLE FOR 1844.

9. Certificate of the completion of the new carriageway in the parish of Sacombe, leading from the village of Sacombe to the village of Bengeo, which has been diverted and turned in a south-westward direction from a certain point in a field called Lady Wells, in the parish of Sacombe, belonging to Abel Smith, Esquire, over the same field and certain lands in Girth Common Field in the same parish, also belonging to the said Abel Smith, into the new Turnpike Road between Ware and Watton, both in the said county, by a course of three hundred and fifty-seven yards and half another yard or thereabouts, and then proceeding along the said Turnpike Road in the direction of Ware, aforesaid for six hundred and twenty-one yards and half another yard, and then turning and proceeding by the south side of the same road along the course of the old Turnpike Road there for one hundred and four yards and half another yard, or thereabouts, and then turning in a southward direction over a field called Stock Field in the said parish of Sacombe, belonging to the said Abel Smith, by a course of three hundred and fifty-seven yards and half another yard or thereabouts, and then continuing in the same direction over two fields called Blackmoor Field and the Ten Acres, situated respectively in the parish of Bengeo, and belonging to Mr. Edward Mardell, by a course of five hundred and twenty-eight yards or thereabouts, and then continuing in the same direction over a field called Hawkins Field, belonging to Mr. Edward Mardell, by a course of fifty-five yards or thereabouts, and then proceeding in the same direction over a field called the Nine Acres, in the parish of Bengeo, and belonging to the said Edward Mardell, by a course of

sixty yards and half another yard or thereabouts, into the old carriageway between the villages of Sacombe and Bengeo. 14th March.

12. Request from the Trustees of Town Hall, at Ware, that it may be registered as a place of Religious Protestant Worship. 8th April.

16. Notice of appointment of a committee to consider how far it shall be possible to employ the inspectors of police to discharge the duties of inspectors of weights and measures. Undated.

25. Notice regarding Wadesmill Turnpike Road, that at a meeting of the trustees, it appears that the county of Hertford has not been accustomed to repair the 100 yards on each end of the county bridges on the line of this road, the clerk is directed to write to the clerk of the peace, requesting him to call the attention of the court of quarter sessions to the subject, and to state that Sir James McAdam is instructed to compound with the county if they prefer that course, rather than execute the work themselves, which the trustees feel it their duty to require. 12th September.

28. Consent of William Robert Phillimore, of Newberries, in the hamlet of Theobald Street, in the county of Hertford, Esquire, to the making of a new highway and bridleway. 8th October.

32. Certificate of the posting of notices and insertion of advertisements in county papers, regarding the stopping up of part of an unnecessary ancient public highway (long since disused) situate in the parish of Berkhampstead Saint Peter, in the said county, leading from the south-east end of the town of Berkhampstead aforesaid, towards Bovingdon. 15th October.

34. Consent of John Green, The Reverend William Adams and George Coleman to the diverting, turning, and making of highway leading from the south-eastern corner of the farm homestead of the said John Green, and branching out from a certain other highway there situate and leading from thence in a northwardly, north-westwardly, and westwardly

direction unto and into a certain road or way leading to Broadfield, from the highway leading from Throcking aforesaid, to Cottered and Baldock. 8th November.

35 & 36. Order to the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Throcking, in the division of Buntingford, to affix notices and insert advertisements in the newspapers regarding the diverting of highway in the parish of Throcking.

37. Order to Joseph Dickinson, surveyor of the highways of the hamlet of Theobald Street, in the county of Hertford, to affix notices and insert advertisements regarding the diversion and turning of part of a certain public highway, leading from the hamlet of Theobald Street into the high road running from the village of Elstree to the town of St. Albans near to the village of Radlett, commencing from the eastwardly side of a certain field called Water Gutter Field, and terminating near to the entrance out of the said public highway, into a certain field called Doles Field, at a gate at the north-west corner of the said last-mentioned field. Also for the stopping up of a certain public bridleway and footpath running out of the said public highway, and entering the park of William Robert Phillimore, Esquire, belonging to Newberries in the said hamlet and county, at a gate on the north side of the said public highway, opposite to a certain dell called Doles Dell, and proceeding across the said park in a straight line into a certain other public highway leading from the village of Radlett to the village of Shenley, at a gate in the said last-mentioned public highway, near to the lodge of the said William Robert Phillimore at Newberries. 8th October.

38. Order for the diverting and stopping up of the above highway and bridleway in the hamlet of Theobald Street. 9th November.

39. Notice of the consent of the inhabitants of Theobald Street to the diverting and stopping up of the above highway and bridleway in the hamlet of Theobald Street. 26th September.

40. Request from the surveyor of highways, of the hamlet of

Theobald Street, that two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace shall view part of the above-mentioned highway in the hamlet of Theobald Street, proposed to be diverted and stopped up. 27th September.

44. Notice of an application to be made for an order for turning and diverting a certain highway situate in the parish of Throcking from its present course, now leading from the south-eastern corner of the farm homestead of John Greene, Esquire, and branching out from a certain other highway there situate and leading from thence in a northwardly, north-westwardly, and westwardly direction, unto and into a certain road or way leading to Broadfield, from the highway leading from Throcking to Cottered and Baldock in the said county of Hertford, and which said first-mentioned highway is of the length of half-a-mile and three hundred and fifty-two yards or thereabouts, and which it is proposed to turn and divert on to and over the course of a certain road or way in the said parish of Throcking, passing through and over lands belonging to the said John Green and George Coleman, and the Rev. William Adams, respectively, and leading from the said south-eastern corner of the homestead of the said farm belonging to the said John Green, and from thence in a westwardly direction to the north-east corner, and along the north-west side of the churchyard of the said parish of Throcking, past the south front of the rectory house and premises of Throcking aforesaid, unto and into a certain highway leading from Throcking aforesaid to Cottered and Baldock. 9th November.

55a. Plan of ancient road passing through the estate of Hon. W. B. Grey at Berkhamstead.

783. Report of the Chief Constable, stating that during the quarter last past 548 persons have been apprehended by the police, of whom 409 have been convicted or committed for trial.

The value of property stolen during the six months ending 30th September last, amounted to £796 7*s.* 2*d.* The value recovered by the police amounted to £680 8*s.* 4*d.*

The number of sheep stolen or strayed and recovered by

the police was 51. The number of stolen or strayed and not recovered by the police was 29.

The number of sheep ascertained to have been stolen in the county during the six months prior to the establishment of the police force was 205. January 2nd.

813. Recommendation of the Visiting Justices of the Peace that a suitable residence be erected for the chaplain of the gaol at Hertford, and that two roods and twenty-seven perches of land should be purchased adjoining the gaol and belonging to the governors of Christ's Hospital. 8th April.

816. Report of the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of employing the superintendents and inspectors of rural police in the inspection of weights and measures throughout the county, who state that such work will not interfere with the efficiency of the force in any way. Easter Sessions.

821. Recommendation by the Finance Committee of the levy of three halfpence for the half-year ensuing. The Committee observe that the money found on the person of prisoners, has been applied (in some cases) to defray the expense of conveyance to gaol, and they recommend that it be always done in conformity with the Act of Parliament and the letter of the Secretary of State. The clerk of the peace having directed the attention of the finance committee to the many cases in which parties are bound over as witnesses, whose evidence is not material, the committee feel it to be their duty to recommend this fact to the consideration of magistrates when committing prisoners for trial, and they recommend to the court to direct the clerk of the peace to withhold allowances from all parties attending as witnesses, and who are not bound under recognizance or subpœna, unless the court shall otherwise direct.

The committee recommend the adoption of a subjoined scale of mileage, as it appears that the mileage allowance at present in force is very unequal, in consequence of the facilities of conveyance in some cases and the difficulties in others.

All prosecutors and witnesses for the prosecution attending the court of quarter sessions, under recognizance or subpœna in cases of felony or in cases of misdemeanour (the costs and expenses of which are by law liable to be paid by the county) are to be allowed three shillings and sixpence per day except labourers, who are to be allowed three shillings per day, and except policemen and apprentices who are to be allowed two shillings and sixpence per day, and except females and children, who are to be allowed one shilling and sixpence per day. Solicitors and medical men attending professionally to be allowed one guinea a day. Easter Sessions.

822. The visiting magistrates of the gaol and house of correction report that the manufactures have been introduced successfully, and that there are mats, mops, and stockings, on sale at the prison. The gas lighting is not yet completed. Easter Sessions.

839. The visiting magistrates of the gaol report that the lighting of the building with gas is now completed. The chaplain's house is finished except the papering, and some of the painting of the rooms, and that some of the fixtures are not complete. It is reported by the surveyor to be quite dry and fit to be inhabited. The magistrates have much satisfaction in reporting that they have obtained the services (as schoolmaster) of Mr. Irving (?) one of the masters of Christ's Hospital for two hours every week-day at a salary of 80*l.* (?) a year. Midsummer.

860. The chief constable of Hertfordshire in laying before the court of quarter sessions a distribution return of the Herts Constabulary, states that the number of persons who have been apprehended during the quarter is 566 in all, of whom four hundred have been convicted, and punished or committed for trial. Rewards for meritorious conduct were ordered by the judge at the last Hertford assizes to five officers of the rural police force. Michaelmas, 1844.

861. Report of the visiting justices of the gaol, who state that the chaplain's house is finished and in occupation. They regret

to have to notice the resignation of the governor of the gaol through ill-health, and state that his successor Mr. Samuel Hatchard formerly deputy-governor of Milbank prison (?) has been nominated by the sheriff at a salary of 340*l.* Michaelmas Sessions.

862. The finance committee recommend a levy of three halfpence in the pound for the next half-year. Michaelmas Sessions.

874. Report of the chaplain of the gaol, who states that a high state of discipline now prevails in the system of prison government, and that the prisoners show an interest and attention in the religious and moral instruction afforded them which is most satisfactory, as is the progress of the school which has been most successful throughout. 15th October.

881. Request signed by several persons certifying that a building situate at Chipping, in the parish of Buckland, in the county of Hertford, in the possession or occupation of Charles Beldam, is intended to be used as a chapel for religious worship by Protestants dissenting from the Church of England. And it is requested that this certificate may be registered and recorded by the clerk of the peace. 8th November.

884. Certificate by Sir Astley Paston Cooper and the Rev. John Batt Bingham, clerk, two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace, that at the request of the surveyors they did view part of a certain long disused public highway, situate in the parish of Berkhamstead Saint Peter, leading from the south-east end of the town of Berkhamstead St. Peter towards Bovingdon, in the county of Hertford, such part commencing at the Turnpike Road near to, and proceeding through the great gates now erected across the same ancient public highway, and thence in a south-westerly direction along and by the north-east side of the Mansion House called the Hall, and by the lawn and on the north-east side of the kitchen garden wall belonging to the said mansion, and thence in the same direction until it joins the present highway leading from Berkhamstead St. Peter towards Bovingdon,

at or near a spot where such present highway enters the deep cutting between two high banks, and being of the length of 334 yards and of the width of 20ft. or thereabouts, and do certify that such part of the said ancient highway is unnecessary because there is another way more commodious to the public, and it has long since fallen into disuse. 25th November.

900. Decision of the Court that they will subscribe 150*l.* towards the re-erection of Bedwell county bridge, which it is proposed to build on a different site. The whole expense will not exceed 300*l.* (Undated).

1063. Letter from Thomas Smith, surveyor, reporting that he has not yet repaired the bridge at Bedwell, and that the state and construction of the bridge is such that he considers it would be more economical to spend a larger sum than first proposed, by constructing a culvert and raising the roadway by embankment. He is awaiting the opinion of the Court on the subject. January 2nd.

1064. Letter from Stephen Austin, asking to be allowed to print the Register of Voters for the county as the county printer, which he is willing to undertake for the sum of 60*l.* for 50 copies, which he trusts will be deemed a fair and reasonable charge. July 2nd.

1065. Notice from James Smith of his intention to apply for a renewal of his licence for the Lunatic Asylum, known as Hadham Palace, for eighteen patients, nine females, and nine males. List of patients subjoined. March 13th.

1067. Report by Thomas Smith, surveyor, stating that the bridge at Sawbridgeworth is the only one requiring an order of court for repairs, which will cost about £20. April 8th.

1068. Letter from Sir James Graham, presenting his compliments to Lord Verulam, and enclosing a copy of the Act of last Session entitled "An Act to annex detached part of counties in which they are situated," which will come into operation on the 20th instant, and to which Sir James Graham begs to call his lordship's attention should the provisions of the Act apply to the county of which Lord

Verulam is her Majesty's lieutenant. Sir James Graham has no doubt that his lordship will take such steps as may appear to him to be necessary for preventing any inconvenience or confusion arising in the performance of magisterial business from the operation of the Act in his lordship's county. Whitehall, October 7th.

1070. Letter from the clerk to the magistrates, Hundred of Odsey, to the clerk of the peace for the county of Hertford, requesting him to take the necessary steps to transfer the parishes of Cottered and Yardley from the Hundred of Odsey to the Hundred of Edwinstree, and to transfer the parishes of Barkway, Barley, Buckland, and Nuthampstead, from the Edwinstree Hundred to the Hundred of Odsey, and when so done to acquaint the high constables of the respective Hundreds of the alteration. The magistrates of Hundred of Edwinstree have been consulted, and have agreed to the alteration taking place. 14th October.

1072. Letter from Thomas Smith, surveyor, who states that the fencing on each side of the bridge at Bushey Mill, near Watford, is in a very dilapidated state of repair and requires restoration. The cost will be from twenty-five to thirty pounds. Half the bridge belongs to St. Albans. October 15th.

1097. Return of chief constable regarding stolen property from April 1st to 30th September. The value of property stolen and recovered by the police was £680 3s. 4d. Value of property not recovered £116 3s. 10d. The number of sheep stolen or strayed and recovered, fifty-one, the number of sheep stolen or strayed and not recovered, twenty-seven. It is remarked that two hundred-and-five sheep were stolen in the county during the six months prior to the establishment of the rural police force. Undated.

1099. Consent of Abel Smith, of Woodhall Park, in the county of Hertford, to the making and continuing of a new highway, lying between the villages of Sacombe and Bengeo, passing through the lands of the said Abel Smith, known as Lady Well's Field, lands in Girth Common Field and Stock Field. 30th October.

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4. Consent of Sir John Saunders Sebright, of Beechwood, to the diverting and turning of a certain public highway, in the parish of Flamstead, leading from Row End Farm, in the said parish to Studham Common in the parish of Studham, such part commencing at a certain corner or bend, lying to the north-west of Row End Farm, where the said highway turns at a right-angle towards the west, proceeding westerly through certain closes and woodlands belonging to the said Sir John, and in the occupation of Mrs. Ann Gibbard, to the handpost where a private road from Beechwood Farm joins the said highway, thence proceeding in a north-westerly direction to Studham Common, containing in length 1303 yards and in width about 20 feet. The course proposed for the new highway commences at the said Row End Farm and proceeds in a north-westerly direction, and along the east side of certain lands the property of the said Sir John Sebright, turning on to Studham Common in the parish of Studham, in the county of Bedford. Length of the said highway 1327 yards, width 20ft. 29th February.

5. Consent of Ann Gibbard, of Beechwood Farm, in the parish of Flamstead, to the diverting and turning of the above highway. 30th January.

6. Notice of an appeal from an order to divert and stop up part of a certain public highway, in the parish of Flamstead, leading from Row End Farm in the said parish to Studham Common, being the property of the aforesaid Sir John Sebright. (See 963, 966, 967). 1st February.

6a. Plan of road from Row End in the parish of Flamstead to Studham Common and proposed line of new road in lieu thereof, referred to in Nos. 4, 5, and 6.

8. Order made for diverting and turning a highway and bridleway at Theobald Street. Before the old highway can be stopped a certficate of two magistrates should be produced, stating that they have viewed the new highway, that it is in good order and fit for use by the public.

8a. Plan of proposed diversion of a highway and bridleway in the hamlet of Theobald Street.

10. Notice given by the trustees of the Essex and Hertford turnpikes. That from 1st July next the trustees cease to repair the road over and within 300 feet of each end of the county bridges on the line of these roads, unless the counties make proposals to compound. 18th February.

11. Plan shewing the old and the proposed new footpaths leading from Codicote to Stevenage, through the parish of Knebworth, in the County of Hertford.

11a. Certificate that the notice of the said proposed new footpath had been affixed at the church of the parish of Knebworth, and also the same notice having been inserted in the "Hertfordshire Mercury and Reformer." (See 962, 964 and 965, also 974). 19th February.

·12. Notice of application for stopping up a certain unnecessary highway in the parish of Cheshunt. (See 968, 970 and 971.)

12a. Plan of foregoing highway in the parish of Cheshunt. 4th February.

22. Application for diverting and turning a road in the parish of Throcking. The proposed new road being nearer than the old by 562 yards. (See 690.)

33. Notice of application to be made for an order for diverting and turning part of a public carriageway in the parish of Essendon, leading from Barnet by Kentish Lane to Essendon, in a north-easterly direction from a point at the northern end of Kentish Lane, over fields and woods belonging to the Baron Dimsdale, and over one field belonging to Sir Culling Smith, into the road leading from Wild Hill to Essendon, at a point below the garden of a cottage belonging to Sir Culling Smith, of the length of 1018 yards or thereabouts. Also application will be made at the same time to stop up as useless and unnecessary a certain portion of the carriageway between Wild Hill and a point on the above-mentioned carriage way, near Baron Dimsdale's Lodge, of the length of 90 yards. Notice is also given that the certificates of two Justices having viewed the same,

(with the plan of the old and proposed new highway) and also the plan of the road proposed to be stopped up, will be lodged with the clerk of the peace for the said county. (See 975, 976, 977, and 978.)

35. Consent of the said Baron Dimsdale to the diverting and turning of the carriageway, in consideration of the sum of one shilling being paid to him for the said lane and soil. 23rd October.

36. Consent of Sir Culling Eardley Smith to the diverting and turning of the said highway, in consideration of the sum of one shilling to be paid to him for the land and soil. 23rd October.

37. Agreement of the Vestry to the proposed turning and diverting of the said carriageway.

39. Certificates of Jonas Valentine, surveyor, John Bamford, church clerk, and Boyn Mallam, land surveyor, of the posting of notices and insertion of advts. concerning the proposed new carriageway in the parish of Essendon.

44. Order that the County Surveyor be instructed to confer with the surveyor of the county of Essex on the subject of the disputed bridge built by the Northern and Eastern Railway Company near Bishop Stortford and to report to the Michaelmas Quarter Sessions.

230. Deposition of John Carter, James Wakenell, etc., concerning George Painter and Richard Palmer, charged with uttering and using counterfeit coin. 7th January.

378 to 383. Depositions of Jemima Robins, George Robins, George Vincent, and others, concerning George Williams charged with passing a counterfeit shilling. 13th May.

430 to 434. Depositions of Susan Parker, Edward Parker, and Joseph Hill, concerning John Rickett, Thomas Webb and James Phipp charged with unlawfully uttering and using counterfeit shillings. 22nd July.

519 to 522. Depositions of Henry John Coulter and others, concerning George Butterfield charged with uttering counterfeit coin. 26th November.

607. Indictment of George Williams for uttering counterfeit coin. Found guilty. 5th May.

627 & 628. Indictment of John Rickett and Thomas Webb and James Phipp for uttering counterfeit coin. Found guilty, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment with hard labour, with the exception of one week in each three months, to be spent in solitary imprisonment. 15th July.

666. Indictment of George Butterfield for uttering counterfeit coin. Found guilty, and sentenced to imprisonment for one year with hard labour. 25th November.

687. Report of the clerk to the trustees of the Wadesmill turnpike stating that he has received a letter from the clerk of the peace informing him that he has been directed by the court of quarter session to enquire upon what terms the trustees will undertake to maintain that portion of the road at each end, and over the county bridges upon this trust, which the county is liable to repair, to which the clerk answered that Sir James McAdam had at the last meeting delivered in an estimate of the expense at 15*l.* for the road over each bridge and the 100 yards at each end, since which no further communication has been received from the clerk of the peace. The surveyor is ordered to put up a small post at the extremity of the 100 yards from each county bridge, and in future to desist from the repair of such portions of road, and the clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the clerk of the peace. 16th January.

690. Certificate by Charles Drummond, Esq., and the Rev. Armytage Gaussen, clerk, justices of the peace for the division of Buntingford, that they viewed a certain highway in the parish of Throcking leading from the south-eastern corner of the farm of John Green, and branching out from a certain other highway there situate, and leading from thence in a northwardly and north-westwardly direction into a certain road leading to Broadfield from the highway leading from Throcking to Cottered and Baldock, and which said first-mentioned highway is about the length of half-a-mile and 352 yards. Also that they viewed the proposed

new course of the said highway leading to and over the course of a certain road in the said parish, passing through and over lands belonging to the said John Green, and to George Coleman and the Rev. William Adams, leading from the said south-eastern corner of the said farm, and from thence in a westerly direction to the north-east corner, and along the north-west side of the churchyard of the said parish of Throcking, past the south front of the rectory house into a certain highway leading from Throcking to Cottered and Baldock, and which proposed new course of the said highway will be of the length of about half-a-mile. The said justices further certify that the proposed new course is nearer by 572 yards than the present course, and that the first-mentioned highway so proposed to be stopped up is useless and unnecessary. 31st January.

690a. Plan referred to in notice of proposed new highway from Throcking to Cottered and Baldock. 31st January.

698. Certificate by Robert Dering and William Henry Frederick Cavendish, justices of the peace, that they have viewed part of a certain public footway in the parish of Knebworth leading from Park-gate on the south-west side of Knebworth Park to the north corner of a field called "Cow Leys," which is proposed to be diverted and turned at and from Park-gate House, situate on the south-west side of Knebworth Park, belonging to Sir Edward George Earle Lytton Bulwer Lytton, baronet, in a north-eastward direction into and along the public highway leading from Codicote to Knebworth in the said county, to Horn Lodge, situate on the south-east side of Knebworth Park for the space of about 1167 yards, and thence in the same direction across a field called "Horse Leys," belonging to the said Sir Bulwer Lytton, for the space of about 487 yards, and from thence along the north-east side of another field, called "Cow Leys," belonging to the said Sir E. Bulwer Lytton, for the space of about 311 yards to the north corner of the same field, where the same enters the present footway. It having appeared upon such view that the said footway might

be diverted and turned, so as to make the same more commodious to the public, and the said Sir E. Bulwer Lytton having consented thereto by writing under his hand, the surveyor was directed to affix a notice at the place and by the side of each end of the said footway from whence the same is proposed to be diverted and turned, and also to insert the same notice in one newspaper generally circulated in the said county, four successive weeks next after the said view, and to affix a like notice on the door of the church of the said parish. Further certificate showing that the proposed new footway is more commodious to the public because the old footway was, from its situation and the character of its soil, frequently in a very wet and bad state, and does not pass through the village of Knebworth, and because the proposed new footway is over a much drier soil, and passes through the village of Knebworth, and is therefore better adapted to the general convenience of the public. 19th February.

699. Certificate by Charles Johnston and Matthew Munt, Esqrs., two justices of the peace, of their having upon the application and at the request of the board for repair of the highways in the parish of Cheshunt, viewed a certain highway used as a footway, branching off from the principal footway in Turner's-hill Marsh, and passing in a north-westerly direction across Thistley Marsh into South Mead, passing over the line of the Northern and Eastern Railway, and thence extending towards and terminating in Turner's-hill Marsh-lane, containing in length 778 feet, and that upon such view it did appear that the said highway used as such footpath is unnecessary for the following reasons:—That the same is ill-defined, occasionally unsound or impassable, used by few persons, and unfrequently, and that there is also by taking a further distance of 72 yards, another, and a sounder, public way, consisting partly of footpath and partly of road, lying between the same points. Also there is much public danger arising from such an obscure footway leading on to the unprotected line of the said railway, and for the aforesaid reasons we deem it expedient that the said footway above described be stopped up as unnecessary. We

further certify that we have received evidence upon oath that the several notices required have been duly made and published, and a sufficient plan of the said footway has been verified before us. (See 12 and 12a.) 3rd March.

700. Certificate by John Hawkins and Francis Hamilton, Esqrs., two justices of the peace, that they viewed part of a certain public highway in the parish of Flamstead, proposed to be diverted and turned, containing in length 1303 yards, also that they viewed the proposed new highway, which was in length 859 yards. (See 4 to 6a.) 6th March.

706. Recommendation by the finance committee of a levy of 1½d. in the pound for the half-year. 25th March.

722. The police committee recommend that a "police rate" of 1½d. in the pound be levied for the ensuing half-year. The committee are of opinion that the proposed uniting of the police of the borough of St. Albans with the county police would be beneficial to both parties without weakening the county force in the slightest degree, and that if the town council of St. Albans agree to this arrangement the committee recommend that the county should undertake to protect the borough with a proportionate police force upon an undertaking from the borough to contribute the sum of £190 per annum. — March.

734. Certificate by two Justices of the Peace of the completion of a new footway in the parish of Knebworth (see 11 and 11a). 23rd June.

735. Certificate by two Justices of the Peace of the completion of a new highway and bridleway in the hamlet of Theobald Street (see 8 and 8a). 26th June.

738. Certificate by two Justices of the Peace of the completion of the new highway in the parish of Throcking (see 690 and 690a). 30th June.

750. Report of the Visiting Justices of the Gaol stating that some of the prisoners have been employed in the making of mats and mops and other articles, and that they are to be disposed of to anyone applying for them at cost price.

769. Certificate of William Franks and Thomas Mills, Esquires, two justices of the peace, that they have viewed the old and the proposed new public carriageway in the parish of Essendon (see 33). 1st December.

789. Estimate of the expense of repairing the road over the county bridges within the limits of the Wadesmill Turnpike Trust, being 100 yards on each side of such county bridges and 10 yards average length of each bridge.

Cost of maintaining 210 yards running surface of road per annum, £15. 7th December.

929. Instructions by the trustees of the Cheshunt turnpike roads to request that the justices of the peace for this county should be informed at the next quarter sessions that the trustees will, from and after the 25th day of March, cease to repair the road over and within 300 feet of each end of the county bridges, on the line of these roads. The trustees are obliged to take this step in consequence of the great diminution in the amount of tolls received since the railway has been in operation. 11th March.

933. Letter from County Surveyor stating that the only bridges needing repair are those of Buntingford, Chipping Bridge, and South Mill, Bishop's Stortford, the whole not exceeding £25; particular attention being drawn to the bridge at Bishop's Stortford. 8th April.

934. Letter from W. A. Borthwick, acting for the Eastern Counties Railway Company, regarding the removal of the bridge on the branch turnpike road from the Cambridge and Hockerill turnpike road to Bishop's Stortford. "I certainly had no idea that this was a county bridge, but understood that it had been constructed by the trustees on the formation of the road, and, having arranged with them through Sir James McAdam, I believed all had been done that was necessary on the part of the railway company. I now undertake to furnish the County Surveyor with drawings for his approval previous to the erection of another bridge in lieu of the one now existing. The bridge being partly in Essex I shall of course take the same steps with regard to the surveyor of that county." 30th June.

952. Resolution for uniting the police of the Borough of St. Albans with the county police (see 722).

83A. Plan of proposed new road leading from Kentish Lane (near Lord Rosebery's garden gate) to Bedwell Cottage.

BUNDLE FOR 1846.

3. Notice of Marlborough Prior, of Hampstead, proprietor of lands in the parish of Weston, in the county of Hertford, requiring the surveyors of the highways to give notice to the churchwardens of the parish of Weston to convene and assemble the inhabitants thereof in a vestry, and submit to them the wish of the said Marlborough Pryor to stop up as unnecessary, or to divert or turn, a certain public highway or part thereof, leading from and out of the village or town street of Weston aforesaid, through the lands belonging to Marlborough Pryor and Joseph Bonfield, to a place called Warrens Green, in Weston aforesaid, in order and to the intent that if such inhabitants shall agree to the proposal then to be submitted to them, the justices may be applied to according to the statute in such case made and provided. Plan attached. 21st February.

4. Notice to the Surveyor of Highways from the chairman of the vestry meeting held in the parish church of Weston regarding the stopping up of an unnecessary public highway through the lands of Marlborough Pryor and Robert Pryor, directing him to apply to two of her Majesty's justices of the peace to view the said highway. 20th March.

5. Report of vestry meeting whereby the consent of the inhabitants of Weston was expressed to the stopping up as unnecessary a certain public highway leading from the village or town street to Warrens Green; it was resolved that the chairman should direct the Surveyors to apply to two justices of the peace to view the said highway. 20th March.

8. Certificate concerning the posting of notices and insertion of advertisements in county papers with reference to the stopping up of a public footpath in the parish of Ware. 6th April.

9. Notice of an application to be made at quarter sessions for an order for stopping up, as useless and unnecessary, a certain part of a public footpath in the parish of Ware, called the Half Acre footpath, which said part commences at a certain stile in or near Watton Road, extending from there in a northerly direction to a certain other path called Cats Hill path, passing through lands belonging to Samuel Adams, Esquire. Plan attached. 24th February.

10. Consent of John Parkinson, of Lincoln's Inn Fields, being the owner of a meadow called the Paper Mill Meadow, situate on the west side of the river Rib, and also of the lands on the east side of the said river in the parish of Standon (plan annexed), through which passes a certain portion of the public footway, which leads from New Street to the public highway, near the paper mill, to the intended turning and diverting.

11. Plan of above.

12. Certificate of affixing of notices and insertion of advertisements in county papers regarding the above diverting of a public footway.

13. Printed notice referred to in No. 12.

19. Notice from two magistrates that they have viewed a certain unnecessary public highway in the parish of Weston, leading over the lands of Marlborough Pryor and Robert Pryor, in the respective occupations of the said Marlborough Pryor, Vickris Pryor and Joseph Bonfield, in the direction of Warren's Green, in the said parish of Weston, which it is proposed to stop up. The surveyors are directed to affix notices at the places referred to. 27th July.

21. Notice of an appeal by Charles Speller, of Bishop Stortford, against the judgment given in the matter of an information exhibited by George Thorne, against him for recovery of the penalty of £100 for an alleged breach of the excise laws. 14th August.

22. Notices of an application to be made for an order for stopping up as unnecessary a public footway of the length of 2,157 yards or thereabouts, situate in the parishes of North

Mimms and Ridge, in the said county, and commencing at the churchyard of the said parish of North Mimms and running from thence in a westward direction over North Mimms Park, in the said parish of North Mimms, belonging to and in the occupation of Fulke Southwell, Esquire, and from thence in a westward direction over North Mimms Park, in the said parish of North Mimms, and from thence over three fields in the parish of Ridge, part of Courser's Farm, belonging to the Dowager Countess of Caledon and in the occupation of Mr. John Sworder, into the public carriageway there leading from Colney Heath to London Colney. 19th September.

28. Certificate of the affixing of notices and insertion of advertisements in county papers regarding the stopping up of the unnecessary footway situate in the parishes of North Mimms and Ridge. 19th September.

881. Certificate from two justices of the peace that they have viewed part of a certain public highway in the parish of Flamstead, in the county of Hertford, leading from Row End Farm, in the parish of Flamstead, to Studham Common, in the parish of Studham, such part commencing at a certain corner or bend of the said highway lying to the north-west of Row End Farm aforesaid, where the said highway turns at a right-angle towards the west, and thence proceeding westwardly through and between certain closes and woodlands belonging to Sir John Saunders Sebright, Bart., and in the occupation of Mrs. Ann Gibbard, to the hand-post where a private road from Beechwood Farm joins the said highway, and thence turning and proceeding in a north-westerly direction between certain other woods and lands belonging to and in the occupation of the said Sir John Saunders Sebright, to Studham Common aforesaid, and such part containing in length one thousand three hundred and three yards, and in width twenty feet or thereabouts, and at the same time did view the course proposed for the new highway in lieu of the aforesaid part of the said public highway as is proposed to be diverted, turned, and stopped up as aforesaid, and thence proceeding in a north-

westwardly direction through and along the east side of certain closes of land situate in the parish of Flamstead aforesaid, called Redding Field, Dane Field, and Gravel's Field, the property of the said Sir John Saunders Sebright, and in the occupation of the said Ann Gibbard, and thence proceeding by a gentle turn or bend in the north corner of Gravel's Field aforesaid in a westwardly direction along and by the north-west side of Gravels Field aforesaid to the north-west corner thereof, where it joins and turns on to Studham Common, in the parish of Studham, in the county of Bedford, and being of the length of one thousand three hundred and twenty-seven yards or thereabouts, and of the width of twenty feet or thereabouts, and who did afterwards on the sixth day of March last sign a certificate of such view and of the several other matters required by the statute in that behalf made and provided, which certificate, together with the proofs and plan therein referred to, having been produced by the Clerk of the Peace at the general quarter sessions of the peace held at Hertford on the 7th day of April last, and by him read in open Court, and no appeal having been brought against the same, the said court did order that the said part of the said public highway be diverted, turned, and stopped up, in the manner in the said certificate particularly mentioned, and the said certificate, proofs, and plans were thereupon enrolled amongst the records of the said session.

834. Petition from inhabitants of Sandridge, Watton, and Much Hadham, to the justices of the county, asking them to delay the building of a new county asylum, and stating that the county asylums erected in England and Wales for the purpose of receiving pauper lunatics are not full, owing to the sufficiency of accommodation existing, and that the average duration of treatment for a cure is two-thirds shorter in the provincial licensed houses than in the best managed county lunatic asylums. 30th March.

841. Certificate from two justices of the peace that they have viewed certain parts of a public footpath extending from Watton Road to Cat's Hill, in the parish of Ware, called

the Half-acre footpath, proposed to be stopped up, and which they certify is useless and unnecessary as there is a more direct turnpike road. 6th April.

843. Report of the Visiting Justices of the gaol and house of correction, who state that one of the inspectors of prisons for the home district has viewed the line proposed for the Hertford branch of the London and York Railway, and recommended that no part of the railway or works should be constructed within one hundred yards of the south-east angle of the boundary wall of the prison, or within one hundred and eighty yards of the centre north entrance door. That the engineer has since met the visiting justices, and agreed to insert a clause in the Act of Parliament to enforce this arrangement. They report that the schoolmaster is extremely attentive to his important duties and deserves some increase of stipend. The visiting magistrates beg to recommend an increase of ten pounds a year. Easter Sessions.

844. Recommendation by the Finance Committee of a levy of one penny and one farthing. Easter Sessions.

856. Certificate from two Justices of the Peace, that they did view a certain portion of the public footway proposed to be stopped up, diverted and turned in the parish of Standon, leading from New Street and commencing in the Paper Mill Meadow, and terminating in the public highway near the north-east corner of the Paper Mill house, and that they have received evidence of the posting of notices and insertion of advertisements regarding the diversion of the same. The said footway is to be diverted in a south-eastern direction across a new footbridge to be erected over the river Rib, and thence over the north-east side of a small plot of ground into the said public highway, at the distance of forty-six yards from the north-east corner of the Paper Mill house. 30th May.

876. Certificate from two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, that they have viewed a certain public footway useless and unnecessary, situated in the parishes of North Mimms and Ridge, commencing at the churchyard of the said parish of

North Mimms, and running from thence in a westward direction over North Mimms Park, and from thence into the public carriageway leading from Colney Heath to London Colney, also that they have received evidence of the posting of notices and insertion of advertisement regarding the stopping up of the same. 19th September.

899. Report of considerable length from the chaplain of the gaol who states that the system of prison discipline recently adopted has proved extremely successful. Additional means have been taken to prevent the possibility of communication between prisoners, so as to prevent as far as is possible the necessity for imposing punishment. The school has been enlarged, and is capable of accommodating 30 prisoners. During the past year about seventy men and boys have been permitted to enjoy the benefits of instruction, and the privilege has, except in one or two solitary exceptions, never been abused. A lending library, for the use of the more intelligent and seriously disposed prisoners, has been established. The scholastic advantages recently introduced have been in operation for three and a-half years with beneficial results, and many individuals entirely ignorant of the arts of reading and writing when first admitted, have been taught to do both very creditably. The chaplain, remarking on the subject of separate confinement, gives it as his opinion that each succeeding year its advantages are more strikingly brought before him, and states that the prisoners themselves, or those who are seriously looking for improvement, are aware of the dangers of the contamination of the young by the more hardened criminals with whom they would associate. Comments follow on the action of the chaplain of Reading gaol, who has condemned the use of the tread-wheel. The writer is of opinion that this class of punishment should not be discontinued, proving, as it does, a deterrent to crime, and inspiring offenders with a dread of its consequences. The chaplain has to deplore the lamentable and almost brutish ignorance of a large proportion of the prisoners committed to the county gaol, and belonging to the agricultural classes. In proof of this he mentions that out of 884 prisoners committed within the last year, 18 per cent.

just knew their letters but could not form them into syllables, 17 per cent. could merely read monosyllable words and nothing further, so that 50 per cent. or more were totally unable to make out a passage in the Bible. Of the same number 8½ per cent. were unable to repeat the Lord's Prayer, 35 per cent. could say the Lord's Prayer but not the Apostles' Creed, 43 per cent. could repeat both but not the ten commandments, and only 13 per cent. could rehearse the three together. To show the miserable state of destitution of religious knowledge and information, it will be sufficient to say that out of the aforesaid number of individuals a proportion of very nearly 21 per cent could not tell the name of the Saviour. There has only been one commitment for sheep-stealing in the last twelve months, and there has been a diminution in the number of recommitments, but it is to be regretted that the proportion of recommitted prisoners still continues very large, viz., 36½ per cent. There has been a reduction on the gross number of prisoners committed under the game laws. Commitments for poaching have been decreasing. 20th October.

BUNDLE FOR 1847.

5. Memorial of John Townshend, Esq., to Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, showing that an ancient watercourse running at the back of the county gaol at Hertford, and from thence crossing the Ware Road under a bridge continues through some waste ground lying by the side of the said road and adjoining land belonging to the said John Townshend, Esq. The said watercourse was never used for the purpose of a drain or common sewer until lately, when the same was by order of the visiting justices of the gaol deepened by the side of Ware Road three feet and upwards, and widened to more than the same extent and then used as an open common sewer to the said gaol. The said memorialist being Lord of the Manor of Hertford Priory, within which the said waste ground and watercourse so far as the same is continued by the side of the Ware Road is situated, is advised, that either as Lord of the Manor aforesaid, or

owner of the land adjoining the said waste ground, he is entitled to have the said watercourse restored to its ancient depth and width, and to require that it should not be made use of as a common sewer for said gaol. The watercourse is now become not only dangerous and offensive to the public passing along the Ware Road but so great a detriment to the lane that the said memorialist will be compelled to assert his rights to have the watercourse restored to its ancient size and use, unless immediate steps be made to remedy the grievance now complained of. 5th April.

15. Notice of appeal by the Eastern Counties Railway Company, against a rate and assessment made upon them of one shilling and fourpence in the pound.

557. Depositions of Eliza Atkins, John Lonon, and others, concerning Joseph Cox, charged with uttering and using counterfeit coin. 2nd August.

922. Indictment of Joseph Cox, for uttering counterfeit coin. Found guilty and sentenced to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for the space of six calendar months.

1029. Proposal made by the Mayor of Hertford and laid before the police committee, for adding to the present Borough police station at Hertford, so as to give additional accommodation for the purposes both of the county and the borough police. 5th January.

1058. Recommendation by the Police Committee that a police rate of five farthings in the pound should be levied for the ensuing half-year.

1090. Agreement of Committee of Visitors of the Bedford Lunatic Asylum, to unite with the county of Huntingdon for the joint use of the asylum upon the following terms, viz.:—"That the county of Huntingdon in consideration of the county of Bedford being at the expense of erecting such additional buildings as may be required for the accommodation of the Huntingdonshire patients, shall pay to the county of Bedford for its exclusive use the net sum of 210*l.* per annum, as a rent for the use of the asylum including repairs, and at the expiration of ten years the rent to be

reduced to 160*l.* per annum, viz., 135*l.* for the use of the asylum, and 25*l.* as the fixed contribution for repairs. That the number of patients to be maintained in the asylum shall not at any time exceed 42, unless provision be made for the reception of a greater number.

That the county of Huntingdon shall pay its share of the cost of such additional buildings and alterations in the asylum that may be hereafter determined upon in proportion as the population of that county bears to the population of the counties of Bedford and Hertford.

That the number of visitors to be appointed for the county of Huntingdon shall be seven.

That the freehold and inheritance of the asylum and premises shall be declared to belong exclusively to the county of Bedford, and to remain vested in the justices of that county as heretofore—subject only to such joint use as aforesaid.

In consequence of this arrangement, plans have been prepared and laid before the committee having for their object the providing additional accommodation in the asylum for an increased number of patients. The committee have adopted the plans subject to the approval of the court, the estimated cost not exceeding 4000*l.*, which, according to the agreement, will be borne by the county of Bedford.

The committee have also had under their consideration a plan for carrying out certain necessary alterations in the present asylum in regard to ventilation and providing additional kitchen accommodation, the cost of which it is proposed should be borne by the counties of Bedford and Hertford jointly in such proportions as may be hereafter determined upon.

The committee in pursuance of section 17 of the Act 8 and 9, hereby report the plans and estimates for the approval of the court, to enable the visitors to complete and carry the same into execution. 25th June.

1112. Recommendation by the Police Committee, that a police rate of five farthings in the pound be levied for the ensuing half-year. June.

1114. Recommendation by the Secretary of State, that certain rules relating to persons condemned to death should be added to the rules for the regulation of the prison.

1130 & 1131. Report of the Chaplain of the gaol, stating that the working of the new system of separate confinement has been most beneficial to the general life and characters of the prisoners. That the return shows a considerable increase in the number of commitments (*i.e.* 102), but that the proportion of re-commitments is smaller than in 1846. There is also an increase in the proportion of convictions under the Game Laws. The number of poachers in 1846 was 71, and for the present year the number is 100. The ignorance of a large proportion of prisoners is very great, of 463 prisoners examined 23½ per cent. did not know the letters of the alphabet. 19th October.

1160. Notice by John Corbill, William Birch, William Worboys, and Allan Flitton, that it is intended to use a certain building situated in the parish of Ashwell, and in the possession of Mrs. Joseph Kirbyshire, as a Baptist Chapel.

1388. Report of Thomas Smith, that the only bridge needing any considerable repair is that of Watford, half of which is in the Liberty of St. Albans; it has hitherto been kept in repair by the Sparrow's Herne Trust, but they have for some time ceased to do so, the consequence is, that the roads are in a very bad and dangerous condition. The piers, cutwaters, wing-walls, and post and rail fences are also dilapidated and require immediate attention. I estimate these repairs at £170, half of which will be paid by the Liberty of St. Albans.

The bridges at Buntingford, Chipping, New Bridge, Brick Bridge, Standon, Braughing, Grey's Bridge, Wadesmill, Sawbridgeworth, Cheshunt, Dane Bridge, London Colney and Bushey Mill require general repair, but the entire cost will not exceed £55. The two latter bridges are half in the Liberty of St. Albans. 6th April.

1405. "The report referred back to the surveyor with directions to exclude from it any notice of the bridge hitherto repaired by the Sparrow's Herne Trust, at the entrance to the town

of Watford. The said bridge having already been made the subject of legal proceedings to enforce the liability of the county, which did not succeed." (See 1388).

1407. Order that a committee be appointed to treat with the Eastern Counties Railway with regard to Throcking bridge, and to conduct any opposition which may be necessary to the Cambridge, Royston, and Ware line.

BUNDLE FOR 1848.

8. Notice of appeal for an order for stopping up as unnecessary a public cartway of the length of 730 yards, situated in the parish of Essendon, and leading out of the new public carriageway between Kentish Lane and the village of Essendon, at a point next the north-east corner of a close of the Hon. Thomas Robert Baron Dimsdale, called Bartlett's Close, on the one side, and next the north-west corner of another close of the said Baron, called Maddam's Field, on the other side, into another public carriageway between the same village and a place called Tyler's Causeway, at a point next the north-east corner of the homestead of a farm of the said Baron, called Cucumber Farm, on the one side, and next the south-east corner of a close called Appletree Field, on the other side. 15th January.

8a. Plan referring to forgoing cartway.

9. Consent of the Marquis of Salisbury, to the diverting and turning part of a certain highway, lying between Bishop's Hatfield and Essendon, and to the continuing of such new highway through his lands.

9a. Plan referring to the above highway.

10. Certificate of the notice of the aforesaid public cartway having been affixed at the church of the parish of Essendon, and also inserted in a newspaper called "The Hertford Mercury and Reformer." (See 1566 to 1569).

17. Notice of application made by Joseph Grout, Esq., of Tring Park, for stopping up as unnecessary a certain public footway situate in the Hamlet of Wilstone, in the parish of

Tring, leading out of the common highway near a cottage of Charles Gregory, in the occupation of Thomas Tipping, along Sandbrook Lane, then over certain closes called Wick Mead and Howe Close in the occupation of Job Rodwell, then over certain other closes called Grass Hall Mead, Ploughed Hall Mead, and Upper Groves, into the public highway leading from Dilstone to Droughton Beauchamp, at the eastern corner of the said close called Upper Groves, and also part of a certain other public footway situated in the said hamlet, leading from the last-mentioned footway at the southern end of Grass Hall Mead, over Ploughed Hall Mead and Home Close to a stile at the northern corner of a close called Bankey, belonging to James Grange. (See 1576 to 1581). 2nd August.

18. Certificate by William Jenney and David Jentes, two justices of the peace, that they viewed a certain public footway in the Hamlet of Wilstone and found the same to be unnecessary, there being other public highways leading to and from the same places which are more convenient. 17th November.

18a. Plan referring to the aforesaid footway in the Hamlet of Wilstone.

23. Notice of a public meeting having been called to take into consideration the stopping up of the aforesaid public footway is unnecessary. 16th August.

27. Notice of appeal for an order for stopping up as unnecessary a public cartway in the parish of Essendon. (See 3 and 3a).

368 & 369. Certificates by Robert William Myonett and Jonas Valentine, surveyors, stating that they have affixed notices by the side of and at each end of the footway proposed to be diverted and turned, in the parishes of Bishop's Hatfield and Essendon. And did also cause the same notice to be inserted in "The County Press" for four successive weeks, and to be affixed on the doors of the churches of the said parishes. (See 1570 to 1574, also 1575). 4th March.

603. Depositions of George William Christy, Eliza Worboys, and others, concerning Edward Bird, charged with uttering and using counterfeit coin. 5th August.

709. Depositions of Philip Herridge and Hannah Fitch concerning Joseph Donnelly, Thomas Donnelly, and Thomas Miller, charged with uttering counterfeit coin. 4th October.

782. Depositions of Emma Day, Betsey Humberstone, and others, concerning John McCormick and George Parker, charged with uttering and using counterfeit coin. 18th November.

978. Indictment of Edward Bird for uttering counterfeit coin. Found guilty, and sentenced to six months' hard labour, with the exception of one week in each month to be spent in solitary confinement. 3rd August.

1137. Complaint made by the Sanitary Board of the Borough of Hertford to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and also by the Governors of Christ's Hospital to the visiting justices of the gaol, that the deepening of an ancient watercourse near the gaol (done some years ago to prevent the accumulation of flood waters) had created a serious evil to the neighbourhood.

The visiting justices report that the work had greatly improved the drainage of the gaol and the drainage generally, and had consequently greatly promoted the health of the prisoners.

The Secretary of State ordered a careful examination to be made by the Inspector-General of Prisons, and the Governors of Christ's Hospital ordered another distinct investigation to be made by their surveyor, which investigations completely satisfied the Secretary of State and the Governors of Christ's Hospital that the supposed evil did not exist, and, therefore, that no remedy was required. The visiting justices offered to remove the drains of the prison altogether from the watercourse (which watercourse must not be obstructed, and cannot be altered without an impossible amount of expense), and to make an independent covered drain from the prison to the river, if the Governors of Christ's Hospital would allow the drain to go in the only possible line, and contribute a portion of the expense, but the said governors have been advised to decline this offer as quite unnecessary.

1086. Indictment of John McCormick and George Parker for uttering false coin. Found guilty and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour. 20th November.

1067. Resolution that the question of any enlargement of the county prisons be referred to the visiting justices, and that they should be requested to report thereon.

Report of the visiting justices that several plans have been submitted to them for the enlargement of the county prison, and that they have directed the county surveyor to prepare one of these plans, with an estimate of the expense, which they consider the best plan, as it affords the largest number of cells at the smallest expense, and will also produce a considerable saving of expense in the repair of the old roof in future years. 3rd January.

1077. Recommendation by the finance committee that the salary of the hall-keeper should be £10 a year in future instead of £26, in consideration of the amount of profits beyond the salary.

1078. Report of the committee of the visitors of the Bedford Lunatic Asylum that they have undertaken extensive alterations of, and additions to the asylum, partly to afford accommodation for the patients belonging to the county of Huntingdon—now united—and partly to improve the accommodation of the patients belonging to this county.

1090. Certificate by William Franks and Thomas Kemble, two justices of the peace, that they have viewed a certain public cartway in the parish of Essendon, proposed to be stopped up as unnecessary, and that they consider the same to be unnecessary, being of no public utility, as it is often impassable (being greensward); also that the distance round by the hard road is inconsiderable. (See 3). 14th February.

1091. Notice of the agreement of the inhabitants of the said parishes to the turning and diverting of a public footway in the parishes of Bishop's Hatfield and Essendon, and the certificate of the posting of notices and inserting of advertisements regarding the same. And further certificate that the new way will be more commodious to the public. 4th March.

1104. Letter from the county surveyor reporting that the county bridges are in good repair, with the exception of the post and rail fencing at Cheshunt Wash bridge, which requires repairs at a cost of £15.

Also an application for the widening of Walkern bridge (which is very narrow and dangerous) at a cost of £69. 4th April.

Adoption, by the visiting justices of the county prison, of the plan suggested by the inspector-general of prisons for the enlarging of the county prison, and sanction by the Secretary of State for the carrying out of the same.

1110. Recommendation by the police committee that a police rate of five farthings in the pound be levied for the ensuing half-year.

1169. Recommendation by the finance committee of a levy of five farthings in the pound for the half-year.

1585. Resolution that the county surveyor be directed to estimate the expense of the repairs of the bridge at Walkern, and raising the parapet, and that such sum be paid to the trustees of the turnpike road on their widening the bridge and executing the repairs to the satisfaction of the county surveyor.

BUNDLE FOR 1849.

18. Petition of certain of the inhabitants of the parish of Buckland to the magistrates of the county calling attention to the dangerous state of part of the footpath leading from Buntingford to Chipping, and within seventy yards of the county bridge, which crosses the waterslade near the northern boundary of the parish of Laystone.

The waterslade above mentioned flows with a rapid current in winter along a channel gradually deepening for three-quarters of a mile to the spot indicated, where there is a sudden fall of 12 feet from the footpath, there being no railing or protection for foot-passengers. Partly by the action of the water in winter, and partly by the extraction of materials for the purpose of repairing the county road

this hole has encroached upon the footpath so as to spread partly across it, to the great danger of the public. In the summer there is a precipitous fall of 12 feet to the bottom of a gravel excavation, and in the winter this hole contains a depth of six or seven feet of water. The attention of the county surveyor has been drawn to this dangerous locality. He has visited it, and he asserts that no material has been extracted on the part of the county from the watercourse in question, also that the county is not under any obligation to secure foot-passengers from risk. Upon both these points the petitioners are prepared to join issue. They are confident, however, that in bringing the subject under the consideration of the magistrates they are taking the best course for procuring the abatement of so serious a nuisance. 31st March.

17. Consent of the Right Hon. George Augustus, Earl Cowper, and William Herbert Woodhouse, to the diverting and turning of the old and the continuing of the new bridleway and footway, in the parish of Hertingfordbury, lying between the north-east corner and at the outside of Home Close, and the south angle of a plantation in Woolmers Park, and another public footway lying between Letty Green and Holwell and Essendon Mill Green. 28th April.

17a. Plan referring to foregoing bridleway and footway.

18. Consent of the Right Hon. Sarah, Baroness Braye, and Samuel Swannell, to the diverting of the old, and continuing of the new footway, in the parish of Hertingfordbury, lying between Letty Green and Holwell and Essendon Mill Green. 28th April.

18a. Plan referring to foregoing footway.

21 to 24. Orders adjudicating the settlement of Richard Bishop, a pauper lunatic, and of his wife and children, directing payment of past and future expenses in respect of his lunacy, also directing the removal of his wife and children. (See 44 to 49).

25. Certificate of James Glasscock, of Woolmers, in the parish of Hertingfordbury, that he has affixed a notice by the side of

each end of the bridleway and footway proposed to be diverted and turned, in the said parish, and also that he has inserted the same notice in a newspaper called the "County Press." (See 1622 to 1626). 2nd June.

26. Certificate by Thomas Jale, Kimpton, land surveyor, that the plan annexed was made by him on an actual survey and admeasurement of the old and proposed new bridleway and footway, in the parish of Hertingfordbury. 2nd June.

26a. Plan of above-mentioned bridleway and footway.

30. Notice of an application to be made for an order to stop up as unnecessary part of a certain public footway leading from Hedges Wood Common, near Gaddesden Row, in the parish of Great Gaddesden, and lying partly within the said parish and partly within the parish of Studham; such part commencing at Hedges Wood Common and proceeding in a northwardly direction over and along three fields, to a stile where the two said parishes join, and thence proceedin a northwardly direction over and along two fields in the parish of Studham to a stile leading into a field where the footpath from Hemel Hempstead to Studham Common falls into and forms the remaining part of the above described footway. Such part of the footway as lies in the parish of Great Gaddesden containing in length about 281 yards, and in width about 3 feet, and such part as lies in the parish of Studham containing in length about 810 yards, and in width about 3 feet. 31st July.

31. Certificate that the notice for the stopping up of the said footway has been affixed by the side of each end of the footway, and also on the doors of the churches of the said parishes. Also for inserting advertisements of the same notice in a newspaper called the "County Press." (See 1627 to 1629). 3rd September.

31a. Plan referring to foregoing footway. 3rd September.

32. Notice of appeal by the London and North-Western Railway against a rate and assessment entitled "An assessment for the relief of the poor of the parish of Tring" (Hamlet of Long Marstone). 26th September.

38. Request by the justices of the peace acting in the petty sessional division of Hitchin, that the justices assembled in quarter session should direct that a fit and proper place (being a room in the Town Hall) be hired, or otherwise provided, for the holding of petty sessions of the peace within the division of Hitchin. 7th August.

86. Consent of Robert William Gaussen, Esq., of Brookman's Park, the Great Northern Railway Company, and the Marquis of Salisbury, being the several owners of certain lands through which part of a certain public carriageway lying between Walham Green, in the parish of North Mimms, and Woodside, in the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, and part of a public cartway, lying between Bishop's Hatfield and Marshmoor, in the parish of North Mymms, to the diverting and turning of the said carriageway and cartway. Also consent of William Waltham, of Lurlin Stone, and George Littlechild, of Parsonage Farm, being occupiers of the said land. 22nd October.

41: Certificate by William George Goulburn, surveyor, that the notice for the diverting and turning of the said carriageway and cartway, has been affixed by the side of each end of the carriage-way and cart-way, and also on the doors of the church of the parish of North Mimms. Also for inserting advertisements of the same notice in a newspaper called the *County Press*. (See 1630 to 1634). 28th November.

60. Certificate by Thomas Kemble, Esq., and William Henry Sutton, Esq., two justices of the peace, that they have viewed the new bridleway and footway, in the parish of Hertingfordbury, and that the same are completed and put into good condition and repair. 13th October.

510 to 514. Depositions of Ann Simson, William Pendames, and others, concerning John Nolan, charged with uttering counterfeit coin. 12th July.

959. Indictment of William Shears and George Dickenson for uttering counterfeit coin. Both found guilty: the former sentenced to six month's imprisonment, and the latter to twelve months with hard labour. 4th August.

1047. Report of the visiting justices of the gaol that the interior drains of the prison were found to require considerable repairs. They have been rebuilt on new lines so as to have a greater fall. Two new tanks have been constructed, which are intended to supersede the necessity of frequent cleansings. They also report that three cases of cholera have appeared in the prison.

1048. Report of the magistrates appointed to visit the Bedford Lunatic Asylum, who state that the works for the enlargement and improvement of the asylum have been completed, and are very well done. Also that the number of patients belonging to that county and the Liberty of St. Albans was, on the 4th of December, 99.

1084. Recommendation by the police committee that a police rate of one penny farthing should be levied for the half-year.

1086. Report of the visiting justices of the gaol that in the first week of January an attack of cholera commenced, which lasted during the whole month. Eighty-nine prisoners were affected, nine deaths occurring. The Secretary of State being applied to was pleased to recommend the discharge of several prisoners whose terms of imprisonment had nearly expired, and the magistrates of the Liberty of St. Albans kindly allowed the use of the Liberty gaol so that no fresh commitments were made to the county prison till after the 10th of February, by which time the epidemic had disappeared.

1115. Certificate by Thomas Kemble and Martin Hadsley, Esqs., two justices of the peace, that they have viewed part of a certain public bridleway and footway in the parish of Hertingfordbury, containing in length about 100 yards, and diverging from another route of the said bridleway and footway, at the south angle of a plantation adjoining Woolmers Park, and proceeding along the east side of such plantation to the north angle thereof. Also that they have viewed part of the said bridleway and footway, containing in length about 814 yards, and commencing at the west angle of the said plantation on one side, and at the south corner of a close called Gould field, on the other side, and

continuing from thence in a northward direction into a public highway leading to Letty Green, which said bridleway and footway is proposed to be diverted and turned, and part to be stopped up. They further certify that they have viewed the proposed new bridleway and footway, the former starting from the south corner of the close called Gould field, and continuing in a northward direction by a course of about 267 yards into the said highway to Letty Green, the latter containing in length about 689 yards, and commencing on the south-east side of a close called Little Sandy Lawn, and from thence continuing in a northward direction to a close called Hay, by and along the east side of a close called Round Field, into the said public highway leading to Letty Green. The new bridleway and footways are nearer than the old, and for that reason are more commodious to the public. (See also 17, 18, and 25). 2nd June.

1145. Certificate by the Rev. John Batt Bingham and John Hawkins, Esq., two justices of the peace, that they have viewed part of a certain public footway leading from Hedges Wood Common, in the parish of Great Gaddesden, to Studham Common, in the parish of Studham, proposed to be stopped up as unnecessary. They further certify that they consider the said footway unnecessary, as there is a public highway running parallel with and near to the said footway, which is nearer and more commodious to the public. (See 30 and 31). 3rd September.

1150. Resolution that the sum of £75 be granted to the County Surveyor as a gratuity in consideration of his great attention and extra services in the late additions to the prison.

1154. Report by the visiting magistrates that in consequence of the application made by the magistrates of the Liberty of St. Albans to ascertain whether an arrangement could be made for the reception of the prisoners belonging to the Liberty in the county gaol, plans and estimates are now presented to the court, for an enlargement of the county gaol which would be necessary, in case such an arrangement should be agreed upon.

The average number of prisoners to be provided for is

about forty, and the plans now laid before the court show that the additional buildings would be a continuation of the building lately added under the sanction of the Inspector-General of Prisons with the addition of room in the chapel, tread-wheel, airing grounds, and female ward.

The estimated cost of these works, including the purchase of land, will not exceed £5,500, which sum the visiting justices cannot recommend as a charge to be levied from the ratepayers of the county, but as the above proposition from the magistrates of the Liberty of St. Albans forms an important part of the question of the amalgamation of the two jurisdictions of the county, and Liberty of St. Albans, the visiting justices beg to suggest that the proposition should be reconsidered by a committee of the justices of the two jurisdictions to be appointed for the purpose.

1174. Report of the chaplain of the gaol that there is a slight decrease in the re-commitments, 29½ per cent, as compared with 33 per cent in the foregoing year, as also in the class of poachers, 17½ per cent. as against 19 per cent. The proportion of female prisoners is 1½ per cent. more than for the preceding year. There has been no commitment for the crime of murder or homicide. Four prisoners have been committed for highway robbery and 33 prisoners received sentence of transportation during the foregoing year.

The evening school has been well attended, and the schoolmaster reports favourably as to the good conduct and satisfactory improvement of the pupils. 16th October.

1197. Certificate by Charles John Dimsdale, Esq., and Benjamin Cherry, Esq., that they have viewed part of a certain carriageway in the parish of North Mimms, leading from Welham Green, in the said parish, to Woodside in the parish of Bishops Hatfield, which contains in length about 324 yards and extends from the south-west corner of a close called Peak Field on one side, and from the south-east corner of another close called Burgess Common on the other side, to the watercourse running across the said carriageway by the north east corner of a close called Gray's Mead, proposed to be diverted and turned. Also that they have

viewed the proposed new carriageway which goes in a north-westward direction over two closes called Fiddle Dell and Dip Dell into a public cartway called Vyse's Lane, and then in a northward direction over two other closes called the Acre Piece and Park Field, and then over Millward's Park, into a public carriageway leading to Woodside and Bishop's Hatfield, the whole being about 643 yards in length. Also part of a certain public cartway leading from Bishop's Hatfield to Marshmoor, in the parish of North Mimms, proposed to be diverted and turned, and which contains in length about 54 yards, part of which is to be entirely stopped up. They further certify that the proposed new carriageway and cartway are nearer than the old, and for that reason are more commodious to the public. (See 36 and 41.) 28th November.

1227. Direction to the clerk of the peace to take the opinion of the Attorney-General on the question, "whether under the act of 7, George IV., c. 64., the committing magistrate may include in the amounts which he certifies as proper to be allowed to the prosecutor, the expenses incurred in the apprehension of the prisoner, as for instance, cart hire or or railway fares actually paid by the constable in search for or pursuit of the prisoner, or the fees allowed to the constable himself for his loss of time in such search or pursuit," in cases where such constable is acting in obedience to a magistrates' warrant, or otherwise in the lawful execution of his duty as constable.

1172. Report of the chief constable of the number of persons apprehended and summoned from 1st July to 30th September:—Committed for trial, 417; discharged, 151; total, 568. 16th October.

1599. Letter from the inhabitants of the parish of Buntingford, to the chairman of the quarter sessions, calling attention to the dangerous condition of that part of the turnpike road within the limits of 100 yards from the bridge between Buntingford and Chipping, consequently in the portion now repaired by the county. (See also 13.) 31st March.

1600. Report of the surveyor stating that the county bridges are all in general repair, requiring little more than making good the pointing of brickwork. repairs to parapets and coping, restoration of decayed fencing, and painting wood and iron work, the whole cost of which will not exceed £58.

He also reports that the Eastern Counties Railway Company have not yet complied with their agreement respecting Bishop's Stortford Bridge. 3rd April.

BUNDLE FOR 1850.

2. An appeal by Robert Kingsley against a conviction of John Curling, Esquire, for unlawfully refusing to weigh, in the presence of one Mary Day, widow, certain bread which had been then and there purchased of him by the said Mary Day contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided. 8th April.

7. Consent of Sir Henry Meux, baronet, of Theobald's Park, in the parish of Cheshunt, in the county of Hertford, to the diverting and turning of a footway, or bridleway, through his lands leading from Bull's Cross, Enfield, in the county of Middlesex, to Old Park Farm, Bury Green, and Theobalds Lane, in the parish of Cheshunt. Plan attached. 12th August.

8. Consent of John Hodgson, of Wansted, in the county Essex, Esquire, Price Pearse, of Gilston Park, in the county of Hertford, esquire, and John Arber, of Gilston, in the said county of Hertford, labourer, the owners and occupiers of the lands through which parts of a certain highway being a road or carriageway, lying between Gilston Church and Pie Corner, aforesaid, and between Gilston Church and Eastwick, and between Channock's Farm, in the parish of Gilston and Eastwick, aforesaid. 15th August.

9. 10, 11, 12, & 13. Certificates and notices concerning the insertion of advertisements and posting of notices regarding the highway between Gilston Church and Pie Corner, and Gilston Church and Eastwick and between Channocks Farm, in the parish of Gilston and Eastwick. 15th August.

20a. Plan of public carriageway through Millwards Park.

20b. Plan of Gilston Road and footpaths.

773. Indictment of Henry Cane for having felonously stolen, taken and carried away thirty eggs of a "domesticated hen fowl." 5th May.

823. Indictment of Josiah Foster, late of the parish of Bishop's Hatfield, labourer, for having unlawfully and wilfully placed upon the iron rails and road of a certain railway there situate, called the Great Northern Railway, certain pieces of wood to wit, three pieces of wood called Keys, and also a certain article of dress called a cap, to obstruct a certain engine and certain carriages then and there using the said railway and to endanger the safety of divers persons then and there conveyed in and upon the said engine and carriages. 14th October.

862. Report of the visiting justices of the gaol and house of correction who state the prisoners are and have been in good health since the beginning of November, when the cholera disappeared after having been fatal in nine cases. The inspector of prisons recommended the alteration of some of the internal walls so as to admit a more free circulation of air, which had been done. The justices have consulted the county surveyor and two eminent London surveyors as to the practicability of any further improvement of the drainage of the prison, but they regret not having been able to fix upon any plan which is practicable. Epiphany Sessions.

864. Report of the committee appointed to visit the Bedford Lunatic Asylum, stating that the number of patients from this county was unexpectedly increased during the early part of the last year, so as to exceed the number of 120 to be admitted from Herts as agreed upon. A temporary agreement was made by the Bedford magistrates.

865. Notice to the justices of the peace that certain premises known as No. 1, Musley (?) Cottages, situate in Ware, and in the occupation of Abraham Humphries, is intended thenceforth to be used as a place of religious worship by an assembly or congregation of Protestants. 9th January.

892. Notice from Samuel Allen and Thomas Brown, owner and occupier of a certain dwelling-house situate at Pirton, certifying that the same or part thereof is intended to be used as a place of religious worship by an assembly or congregation of Baptists, and it is requested that such be recorded at the next general quarter sessions of the peace. 9th March.

908. Certificate that a building situated at Essendon is known as a Primitive Methodist Chapel, and requiring that it may be registered and recorded as such at the general quarter sessions. 8th April.

909. Certificate that a building situate at Great Amwell is used as a place of meeting for religious worship of Protestant Dissenters known as a Primitive Methodist Chapel, and request that it may be registered as such. 8th April.

918. Report of the visiting magistrates that the buildings of the gaol are in good repair. No death has occurred during the last quarter, except in one case where a man, committed for re-examination, was found to be ill with small-pox. He would have been discharged but was too ill to be removed. All possible attention and care could not save his life. The disease was not communicated to any prisoner. The visiting magistrates recommend the adoption of a new form of dietary sent down from the Secretary for the Home Department. It has been carefully considered. The quantities of food are about equal to those in the present dietary. Easter Sessions.

919. Report of the finance committee, who have examined the bills for the quarter, amounting to the sum of £385 18s. 4d., which they recommend to be paid. They recommend a levy of five farthings for the half-year. Easter Sessions.

972. Certificate from George Jacob Bosanquet and James Bentley, two of Her Majesty's justices of the peace, that upon the application and at the request of the Board for repair of the highways in the parish of Cheshunt, they have viewed a certain footway or bridleway (by the side of or contiguous to a certain private carriageway) within the parish of

Cheshunt aforesaid, used as a footway or bridleway, branching off from the principal footway or bridleway leading from Bull's Cross, Enfield, in the County of Middlesex, to Old Park Farm, Bury Green, and Theobald's Lane, in the Parish of Cheshunt aforesaid, of the length of 311 yards or thereabouts, proposed to be diverted, turned, and carried over other land of Sir Henry Meux, baronet, of the length of three hundred and ninety-five yards or thereabouts. The aforesaid George Jacob Bosanquet and James Bentley certify that the new road will be more commodious to the public and deem the diverting and turning to be expedient. They have received proof of the posting of notices and advertisements regarding the proposed diversion. 9th September.

986. The magistrates at quarter sessions report that another visitation of cholera has occurred at the prison. The disease made its appearance about the middle of October, 1849, and continued until the second week in November. During that period there occurred 25 cases of malignant cholera, of which nine terminated fatally. 14th October.

987. Report of the chaplain who regrets to notice the large proportion of re-commitments, being no less than 255 or 37 per cent. an increase of 8 per cent. on the foregoing year. A very large proportion of these re-commitments is to be found in the class of poachers, who themselves amount to 22 per cent. of the gross number committed to the gaol. The chaplain's experience is that this is a class of criminals the most irreclaimable. 15th October.

1331. Letter from the clerk to the magistrates at Royston to the clerk of the peace stating that he cannot find any magistrate for that division who is able to attend the committee to consist of a magistrate from each division who were to meet at the Town Hall, Hertford, to take into consideration the provisions of the Act of 12 Vict., c. 18, respecting the providing of proper places for holding petty sessions. Some of the justices are ill and others absent. The clerk to the magistrates is directed to inform the clerk of the peace that petty sessions for the division of Odsey have hitherto

been held at the Bull Inn at this place, and that the use of the room has always been paid for by the magistrates themselves. Each one paying a small annual sum in respect thereof; that the justices are not at all desirous of occupying the new county court at Royston, as they think the court would be less comfortable aad not at all more convenient than the room at the Bull Inn, but that in their opinion the sum at present paid to the innkeeper is insufficient to afford the proper recompense, and that it would be far better if an annual sum of not less than £5 were paid to her out of the county fund by virtue of the 12th Vict., c. 18.

1332. Notice from James Smith, keeper of the Hadham Palace Asylum at Great Hadham, that he intends to apply at the ensuing quarter sessions for the renewal of the licence for his house for twelve male and eight female patients to reside therein. 8th March.

1333. Report of Thomas Smith, surveyor, stating that the bridges of the county are in a general state of repair, requiring little more than the usual pointing of brickwork and painting to the wood and iron work. He begs to remind the court of the understanding with the Eastern Counties Railway Company with reference to the bridge at Bishop's Stortford. 9th April.

Letter from the clerk to the committee of visitors stating that he is instructed by the committee to submit for the approval of the court of quarter sessions the propriety of making certain alterations for providing a chapel and a new washhouse and laundry at the asylum, which the visitors consider of essential importance to the institution. For a long time past great inconvenience has been felt for want of a chapel, the patients having to assemble for public worship in one of the galleries, which is too small to accommodate as many as would wish to attend. The washhouse and laundry are also insufficient in size and inconvenient for the purposes required. The visitors have had the matter brought before them on several occasions and the Commissioners in Lunacy at their last visit having specially reported their opinion on the necessity of providing

further accommodation in these respects, the committee directed Mr. Smith, their surveyor, to prepare plans and estimates which were presented at a special meeting held on the 28th instant. The committee were unanimously of opinion that the proposed works (estimated at the cost of £700) should be carried into execution if the court would consent to defray the proportion of the county of Hertford towards the expenses, in the manner provided by the agreement for union, the visitors having no funds which could be applied for this purpose. The share of each county would be as follows :—

	Population.		Proportion.
Bedfordshire ...	107,936	...	£233 8 5
Hertford	157,207	...	£339 19 4
Huntingfordshire...	58,549	...	£126 12 3

29th June.

1349, 1350, & 1351. Reports giving quarterly lists of lunatic paupers within the union of Welwyn in the county of Hertford not in asylums, registered hospitals, or licensed houses.

County newspapers with advertisements of turning, diverting and stopping up of highways.

ADDENDA.

1701—1824.

VOLUME FOR DIVERS YEARS.

159b. 11th January, 1701. Recognizance for the appearance of William Fuller, of Yardley, yeoman, to answer for "bringing of one John Abbot, otherwise Blackbeard, a poor diseased dying man," into the parish of Wymondley Parva, and there leaving him in the open field without giving notice to the said parish.

417. 1702. Account of Ralph Willymott employed to purchase ground of Mr. Clark for building a new gaol.

422. 14th July, 1714. Receipt for £2 from the Under-Sheriff, being one years' exhibition due to the poor prisoners in the Queen's Bench and Marshalsea.

446. 24th April, 1736, Lincoln's Inn. Letter from J. Chambre to Mr. Oxinton, keeper of His Majesty's gaol, at Hertford :— "Mr. Forward has this day executed the contract, &c., for the transportation of the felons mentioned in the inclosed order, and desires you will bring them to his house on the 10th of May next."

71. 30th April, 1737. Order for the conveyance of John Basten and Thomas Staines, convicted of larceny, to the house of Jonathan Forward, of Philpott Lane, London, merchant, who has contracted for their transportation.

1737, May 4. Received "from Mr. Isaac Oxinton the "bodys of John Basten and Thomas Staines to be effectually "transported to Viginia or Maryland."

Signed by James Forward for Jonathan Forward.

481. 6th November, 1765. Apprenticeship of Francis Bouys, son

of Mary Bouys, in the parish of Thorney, in the Isle of Ely, and county of Cambridge, to Thomas Wortham, of Royston, in the county of Hertford, "grease and tallow chandler," for the term of seven years.

424. 1768. Account of Thomas Nichol, Clerk of the Peace, for business done and money expended by him on account of the Shire House:—Drawing order for raising 2d. in the pound towards building the new Shire House. Drawing order for the Clerk of the Peace to advertise, in four newspapers, for plans and estimates to be brought at the next Sessions. Writing to James Adam, Esq., for an estimate of his plan delivered, and to make another plan and estimate leaving out the County room. Drawing order for Mr. John Hall to apply to James Adam, Esq., for an account of his charges in preparing plans and estimates for building a shire house. Drawing order for further consideration of Mr. Norris' plan. Drawing order to print handbills and insert advertisements in three evening papers, and to write letters to all the justices for the county and liberty, for the landowners to meet the Justices on 17 September, to give their opinions which plan ought to be preferred. Drawing order to send letters to James Adam, Esq., Mr. Richard Norris, Messrs. Bannister and Cole, Mr. John Crundon, Mr. Hall and Mr. Wolfe, who delivered plans on 11 July last, that they may attend the adjournment in September next, with their plans, if they please. Payments to the printers of the White Hall and St. James' Evening Posts, and the London Chronicle.

426. 1768. Account of the Clerk of the Peace:—Drawing reports of the committee containing an agreement with Mr. Adam, for building the new shire house. Drawing resolution to add five articles to Mr. Adam's plan. Drawing order for building the fronts of the shire house with brick.

427. 1769. Account of work done at the temporary Sessions House.

482. 30 June, 1769. Apprenticeship of James Swain, son of John Swain, of Preston, in the parish of Hitchin, black-

smith, to John Hayward, of the parish of Stevenage, wheelwright, for seven years.

374. 22 March, 1770. Presentment that a certain cart bridge, built of brick, called High bridge, leading from St. Albans to Ratlett, in the parish of Aldenham, 40 feet in length and 20 feet in breadth, is in decay, and that the County ought to repair the same.

375. July 21st, 1770. Presentment that the same bridge—but described as in the hamlet of Theobald's Street,—is in decay.

403a. 24th December, 1770. Certificate by the Earl of Essex, that the militia was first raised in 1758, and now consists of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, six captains, seven lieutenants, one adjutant, 28 sergeants, 27 corporals, 18 drummers, and 523 privates, and that they were trained and exercised for 28 days in October and November last.

447-462. Returns of the average prices of corn at the Hitchin and Hertford markets for the years 1770—1780.

81. 15th August, 1780. Order that a footway, beginning at a stile next to Brickhill Green in the parish of Berkhamstead St. Peter, on the north, and leading along the lawn belonging to Harefoot End House, by the side of the hedge towards the south, to another stile in the said hedge, belonging to the said lawn, into a lane leading from the said house called Harefoot End, in the occupation of Thomas Dorrien, Esq., to Whelpley Hill, containing in length 588 yards, and in breadth three feet "on a medium," and particularly described in the plan annexed, and marked between the letters A and B, be stopped up, there being another footway near the same, which is equally convenient.

Plan attached.

404. 11th October, 1780. Certificate that on the 7th of October instant, Robert Seabrooke, of the parish of Tring, was convicted for not doing his duty with his team on the highway, in the parish of Long Marston, and was fined 30s. *See also Nos.* 85 *and* 86.

404a. 7th November, 1780. Certificate that Joseph Ives, of Puttenham, farmer, was convicted for not telling the clerk of the

market at Tring, the price for which he sold his corn, and was fined 43s.

BUNDLE FOR 1818.

296a. 25-28 September, 1818. Account for repairs to High Bridge, in the parish of Theobald Street.

BUNDLE FOR 1820.

2a. Hunton Bridge, in the parish of Abbots Langley, being a county bridge erected on the Sparrow's Hearne Turnpike-road, being out of repair, the Earl of Bridgwater and other justices are directed to view the same, and expend money on the repairs, etc.

251a. 24 January. Account for work done to Mill Green Bridge.

28h. 23 December, 1820. Notice by the surveyors of highways for the parish of Braughing, that they intend to prosecute an appeal of the following roads, etc., in the parish, set out by the commissioners under the Braughing Enclosure Act: -

(1) A public carriage-road and highway, 30 feet wide, branching out of the turnpike road at High-street and proceeding towards the south-west to the Buntingford Road at Westmill Hull (*sic*).

(2) A private carriage and drift-road and public bridleway, 20 feet wide, commencing at the north end of the village of Braughing, and proceeding towards the north and north-west, by the vicarage house, over Pentlows Hill, between Ryeland and Sharkley Field, along the north side of Bozen (*sic*) Green and King's Croft to the bounds of the parish of Little Hornmead.

(3) A similar road and bridleway, 20 feet wide, branching out of the last described road at the south-west corner of Sharkhill Field, and proceeding towards the west to the turnpike-road leading to Barkway.

(4) A similar road and bridleway, 20 feet wide, branching out of the first private road near the vicarage, and proceeding towards the west, to the end of an ancient lane leading to Braughing Bury.

(5) A similar road and bridleway, 20 feet wide, branching out of the Albury Road at the south-east corner of Earle's Field, to the end of an ancient lane leading to Corkhamstead (?).

(6) A similar road and bridleway, 20 feet wide, branching out of the Albury Road at Norton Green, and proceeding in a south-west and southwardly direction to an ancient lane leading to Up Hall.

(7) A private carriage road, 20 feet wide, branching out of the turnpike-road at the gate at the east end of Broad Mead, and proceeding towards the west, to the bounds of the parish of Westmill.

(8) A similar road, 20 feet wide, branching out of the turnpike-road, at the south-east corner of North Field, and proceeding between the North Field and Farnham Field in a westwardly direction, to an ancient lane to a farm called Hobbs.

(9) A similar road, 15 feet wide, branching out of the first private road, at the south-east corner of Ryland Field, and proceeding towards the north and north-east to the south-east corner of Hunters Field.

(10) A similar road, 20 feet wide, branching out of the first private road at the south-west end of Bozen (*sic*) Green, and proceeding towards the east and north-east, to the south-east corner of Barfield.

(11) A similar road, 20 feet wide, branching out of the first private road near the north-east end of Boyen (*sic*) Green, and proceeding towards the east and north-east to the farm called Rotten Row.

(12) A similar road, 20 feet wide, branching out of the Pelham Road at the north-east corner of Horse Croft Field, and proceeding towards the south over the east side of an allotment to C. M. Mellish, to Rockhill Pightle, belonging to the Master, Fellows, and Scholars of Trinity Hall.

(13) A similar road, 20 feet wide, branching out of Pelham Road at the north-west corner of Horse Croft, and proceeding by the south-west and south side to the south-east corner thereof, where it enters an ancient lane.

(14) A similar road, 20 feet wide, commencing at a gate

on the west side of Braughing Field, and proceeding towards the east through the said field, to an allotment to Sir Eliab Harvey.

(15) A similar road, 20 feet wide, commencing at the turnpike-road next the house of John Prior, and proceeding towards the west and south-west to the north-east corner of an allotment to William and James Welch.

(16) A similar road, 20 feet wide, branching out of the first private road opposite the vicarage homestead, and proceeding in an eastwardly direction along the south side of Pentlows Hill Field to Pelham Lane Road.

The surveyors also give notice that they will appeal against the commissioners' award, as regards setting out and maintaining the aforesaid roads and ways, because they will occasion a needless expense, and were not set out pursuant to the Enclosure Act, and an Act of 41 Geo. III., for consolidating provisions usually inserted in Enclosure Acts.

BUNDLE FOR 1824.

136a. Letter, from W. P. Willson to the magistrates of the county of Hertford, stating that he has been put to considerable expense in consequence of the restrictions ordered to be observed, and the extra number of watchmen, etc., to be employed for the better security of John Thurtell, Joseph Hunt, and William Probert. He, therefore, takes the liberty of enclosing an account of such sums of money as he has paid out of his own pocket, trusting that the same will be taken into consideration. He also begs leave to enclose an estimate of the damage sustained by the breaking down of his cartshed, pigstye, and henhouse, opposite the gaol, occasioned by its being over-loaded by a great number of people at the execution of John Thurtell, and in payment of which he requests an order upon the treasurer.

Estimate attached for the sum of £47 6s. 0d., for building a new shed, etc., in the field opposite the county gaol. Dated the 17th of January.

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* Some confusion may possibly have occurred between Albury, in the east of the county, and Aldbury in the west. The parish in the east of the county is on one occasion (p. 67) spelled Aldbury.